

## Student dies in car crash

BY KATIE MASLANKA  
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Icy road conditions were the cause of a fatal accident that took the life of an Ithaca College student on Saturday.

Senior Erika Watson, 21, died Saturday morning from injuries sustained in a car accident near the intersection of Route 13 and Hanshaw Road in Dryden.

Watson, an art major and psychology minor and a native of Middletown, Conn., was driving her Honda Accord north on Route 13 at 8:30 a.m. when she lost control of the car on an icy portion of the highway.

Her car crossed into the opposite lane and was struck by an oncoming Loomis Fargo armored truck, according to the New York State Police.

Watson was alone in her car and was pronounced dead at the scene. Neither of the two occupants of the other vehicle were injured.

The New York State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit and Bureau of Criminal Investigation are participating in an ongoing investigation. Police said no arrests are anticipated.

Watson's death was the first of four car-related fatalities on Tompkins County highways

within a four-day period.

A Cortland woman died Tuesday night in a two-car accident on Route 13 in Dryden.

In addition, two Elmira residents were killed on Monday when their car collided with an oncoming car in the southbound lane of State Route 34 in Lansing.

Calling hours for Watson will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday at Dillon-Baxter Funeral Home, 1276 Berlin Turnpike, Wethersfield, Conn. A funeral service is scheduled for 11 a.m. on Saturday at the Third Congregational Church, 94 Miner St., in Middletown. Burial will be private.

Erika Watson's father, Stan Watson, encouraged anyone planning to attend ceremonies memorializing his daughter to wear bright colors.

When several of Erika Watson's friends died in a car accident during her high school years, she wore yellow to their funerals and Stan Watson said it would be fitting for Erika's friends to follow her example.

College officials are planning a memorial service and will announce the date and time once the details are finalized.

Students who need help coping with Watson's death can contact the Counseling Center at 274-3136 or speak with the college chaplains.



PHOTO COURTESY ANJANA HANSEN  
ERIKA WATSON, left, and roommate Anjana Hansen take a self portrait in a park in Rome, Italy. The two traveled through Europe together during a semester in London and took similar pictures across the continent.

## 'She was just always so happy'

BY JOE GERAGHTY  
Editor in Chief

Erika Watson was happy. Happy to work with young children, happy to study in Ithaca and happy to live each day.

Friends and family say the joy within her pervaded all aspects of her

life and affected everyone she touched, from young children learning to ski to companions she traveled the world with.

"Everybody held her in a bit of fascination because she was just always so happy," her father Stan Watson said. "She used to write 'keep on smiling' on all her school notebooks.

That was Erika's bumper sticker."

Erika, a senior at Ithaca College, died Saturday in a car accident.

She was studying art at the college with the hope of someday using her degree to provide art therapy for small children.

Throughout her life, her love of

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## Public Safety officers vote to unionize

BY SARAH HOFIUS  
Staff Writer

Public Safety employees became the first group on campus ever to unionize after a vote on Dec. 19 that went 18-7 in favor of unionization.

The 26 patrol officers, security officers, dispatchers, investigators and members of the traffic department are now Local 507 of the International Union of United Government Security Officers of America.

College President Peggy R. Williams, in a press release issued after the vote and in remarks made at an all-college staff meeting, said that she was disappointed the Public Safety employees decided to unionize.

"[The vote] came as a surprise and disappointment, quite frankly; an outcome and message we didn't anticipate in light of our commitment as an employer and as a learning organization," Williams said in her remarks.



MEGHAN MAZELLA/THE ITHACAN  
PATROL OFFICER DONALD LYKE responds to a fire alarm in Terrace 3 early Sunday morning. He is the acting local president.

Union members notified the college that they want to begin negotiating and establishing the first contract.

Local 507 will start the col-

lective bargaining process as soon as the college sets a date, said Patrol Officer Don Lyke, acting president of the union.

"We're kind of all waiting to see

what the next move is," Lyke said.

He said the union will give its members a chance to air grievances, bargain collectively and work for a better future with the department.

Williams, once a union member and union leader, said she knows that the process leading to an agreement on the first contract will require considerable expenditures of time and use of unplanned financial resources to support the college's bargaining team.

"In the months ahead I fully intend to bring all of my relevant experiences to bear as we listen, synthesize and chart the course for this new relationship between the college and this small group of employees," Williams said.

Staff concerns that prompted the vote included communication problems, favoritism in the office and job security. Officers also wanted to see the college administration develop more consistency in disciplinary decisions and promotions policies, upgrade equipment and expand training op-

portunities, said Jay Armstrong, a union organizer from UGSOA.

In a press release issued after the vote, Armstrong said: "We are proud to be the first union to represent the hard-working staff at Ithaca College. Being the first at any endeavor is always difficult, but our supporters stepped up to the challenge by understanding that having a union gives them a real voice on the job."

Williams said the college will continue to foster a work environment based on full and open communication, collaboration and community.

This was the second attempt in three years by the Public Safety staff to unionize.

In 2000, staff members tried to form a union for similar reasons, but they did so on their own, without a national union's support.

After the administration made commitments to the staff to address some of the problems, Public Safety members voted

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NEWS BRIEFS AND LOCAL EVENTS

## The Vote 2004

The *Ithacan* will be presenting a series throughout the semester listing the views of the Democratic presidential candidates as the primary elections approach. This is the first in the series.

### THE CANDIDATES ON EDUCATION:

**Gen. Wesley Clark's** education plan includes the consolidation of existing federal aid to provide \$6,000 annual grants and extended tax credits for low and middle-income families and the direction of \$20 billion in federal dollars to states for financial aid.

**Gov. Howard Dean** plans to repeal the Bush tax cuts and use \$6 billion for a plan to give grants to eighth graders who pledge to go to college after high school. He also plans to make up to \$10,000 available to students and ensure they spend no more than 7 to 10 percent of their annual income on college loans.

**Sen. John Edwards** has proposed a program that would give a student a free year of college in exchange for 10 hours a week of community service. He also wants college loans to be provided more directly by the federal government, instead of through banks, which he says will save billions of annual taxpayer dollars.

**Sen. John Kerry** would set aside \$50 billion for aid to state colleges and universities and has proposed plans to provide more tax credits to families paying for college and give students the equivalent of four years of tuition at a state school in exchange for two years of public service. He has also supported increased funding for AmeriCorps.

**Rep. Dennis Kucinich** has a plan for free tuition for current students at public colleges and universities, which he would fund by repealing Bush's tax cuts.

**Sen. Joseph Lieberman** plans to increase Pell Grant awards, provide additional aid to colleges that attract and graduate significant minority populations, and has supported additional funding for AmeriCorps.

**The Rev. Al Sharpton** has not outlined major plans on this topic, but has proposed a constitutional amendment that provides for equally high-quality education for all.

All candidates except Lieberman oppose federal vouchers to help families pay costs of private schools.

Compiled by managing editor  
Caitlin Connelly.

## Corrections

The Tompkins County tax levy increased by 23.7 percent. The county issued an incorrect figure when announcing the final 2004 budget.

Eleven Republicans voted for the Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003. This was misstated in a guest writer's opinion commentary.

This information was incorrect in the Dec. 11 issue.

It is *The Ithacan's* policy to correct all errors of fact. Please contact Assistant News Editor Katie Maslanka at 274-3207.

## Nation & World

### Bush assesses state of the union

Constrained by record budget deficits and election-year realities, President Bush Tuesday night proposed a short list of relatively inexpensive domestic proposals in his annual State of the Union address Tuesday night. They include job-training, an altered immigration policy, a plan to promote sexual abstinence, and efforts to prevent gay marriages and the use of illegal drugs.

For the most part, the domestic agenda Bush laid out, with its heavy attention to health care and jobs, repackages proposals from earlier in his term based on conservative orthodoxy that lawmakers have resisted in the past. Declaring the cost of health care a "critical issue," Bush called on Congress to act quickly to make health insurance more affordable.

His proposed solutions, however, are measures that the Senate and, in a few instances, the House already have rejected. Those proposals include tax credits to help uninsured people buy private coverage, new limits on medical-liability lawsuits, and a plan that would allow small companies to band together to offer health coverage that bypasses existing insurance regulations.

### John Kerry wins Iowa caucus

Sen. John F. Kerry (Mass.) scored a commanding come-from-behind victory Monday night in the Iowa Democratic caucuses, with Sen. John Edwards (N.C.) coming in a strong second.

The votes dethroned former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, who came in a distant third, from the near-invincible position he had seemed to enjoy at the start of the year, and promised a wide-open race for the Democrats in the weeks ahead.

After months in which Dean's insurgent candidacy, fueled by his early opposition to the Iraq war and his denunciations of President Bush and "Washington Democrats" alike, seemed to dominate the Democratic contests, the Iowa results amounted to a validation for two polished and more conventional candidates.

Kerry won 38 percent of the delegates selected, with 32 percent for Edwards. Dean's 18 percent was less than half of Kerry's total, while the 11 percent scored by Rep. Richard A. Gephardt (Mo.) and Sen. Bill Clinton (N.Y.) never managed to take flight.

### Iraqis demand to try Saddam

For the second day in a row, Shiite Muslim demonstrators took to the streets in Baghdad Tuesday, demanding that U.S. officials allow ousted president Saddam Hussein to be tried and executed in Iraq rather than

### GUARDING BLACK GOLD



JACKIE SPINNER/THE WASHINGTON POST  
THE NEW IRAQI oil police patrol an oil refinery south of Baghdad. Nearly 10,000 members have been deputized since October; 4,500 more are expected to be in place soon.

treated as a prisoner of war.

About 5,000 protesters staged a peaceful, highly disciplined rally in central Baghdad. They also called on U.S. officials to resist efforts by Iraqi Kurds to divide the country under an ethnically oriented federal system.

"Saddam is a criminal who killed many thousands of people. All Iraqis want him to hang," said Karim Darani, 43, a marcher from a community in Baghdad known as Sadr City. "We want Iraq to be a peaceful, united nation for all ethnic groups — Shiites and Sunnis, Kurds and Christians and Turks."

### U.S. delegation visits N. Korea

North Korea invited an unofficial delegation of Americans to tour its nuclear facility at Yongbyon earlier this month as a way of pro-

viding confirmation that they have reprocessed spent fuel rods into plutonium, said Siegfried Hecker, a former director of Los Alamos Nuclear Laboratory who was part of the delegation.

Hecker said in an interview that "for the most part it looked like the U.S. and perhaps many other countries didn't believe" the North Koreans had actually taken 8,000 rods — which the country and turned them into a material necessary for producing a nuclear weapon.

"What I surmise is they were looking for a way to get some independent confirmation they have actually done this," Hecker said. "That's their motivation."

Source: *L.A. Times* and the *Washington Post* news service.

## College & City

### Award-winning author to visit for distinguished writers series

Author George Saunders will visit the college for three days next week as the writing department's distinguished visiting writer.

On Tuesday, Saunders will give a lecture at 7:30 p.m. in Emerson Suite B titled "Anti-Mastery: Openness and the Art of Fiction."

On Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Emerson Suite B, he will read from his works.

In addition, Saunders will meet with students and faculty and conduct master classes.

Saunders is the author of two adult short story collections, "Pastoralia" and "CivilWarLand in Bad Decline," as well as a best-selling children's book, "The Very Persistent Gappers of Frip."

He is a two-time winner of the National Magazine Award and has been included four times in the O. Henry Awards collections, which are published annually to recognize the best short stories of that year.

### Gerontology Institute to hold series of five presentations

The Ithaca College Gerontology Institute Workshop Series will conduct five spring presentations on aging issues for service professionals and other interested individuals.

The first presentation, which will take place on Wednesday, is "Functional Disability and Low Vision: What Can We Do?" Linda Travis, a psychologist with the United Health System in Rochester, will review research on psychosocial factors in adaptation to low vision.

All sessions will be held on Wednesday af-

ternoons from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Clark Lounge in the Campus Center. Advance registration is required and is on a first-come, first-served basis. The registration fee is \$15 per workshop or \$65 for the five-workshop series. For people over 65 years old and retired, the cost is \$10 per workshop.

Online registration is available at [www.ithaca.edu/agingworkshop](http://www.ithaca.edu/agingworkshop). For more information about the workshops, contact Terry Beckley at 274-1967. Questions regarding registration and continuing education credit can be answered by the Division of Continuing Education and Summer Sessions at 274-3143.

### Art gallery's first spring exhibit to open with reception today

An opening reception for "From Dust to Daylight: Selections from the Permanent Collection," the college's first art exhibit of the spring semester, will be held at the Handwerker Gallery today from 5 to 7 p.m.

Curated by 11 students in the art history department's Introduction to Museology course, the exhibit will feature over 40 works from the gallery's permanent collection.

The curators will give a gallery talk at 12:10 p.m. on Tuesday, and the exhibit will be on display through Feb. 15.

### Annual concerto competition to take place in music school

The music school will hold its annual concerto competition finals on Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. in Ford Hall in the James J. Whalen Center for Music.

The competition is open to students enrolled in private lessons with a music school faculty member. After making it through preliminary auditions, the finalists will perform from memory for a seven-member faculty committee.

The event is free and open to the public, and attendees are welcome to stay for any portion of the event. The competition will continue until all the student finalists have performed.

### Deadline for voter registration for primary elections approaches

The deadline for voter registration for the primary elections is Friday, Feb. 6. Presidential primary elections will be held on Tuesday, March 2.

Registration forms can be picked up at the Board of Elections, located at 123 E. Buffalo St., the Finger Lakes Independence Center or any public building. A list of offices to be filled can be obtained at <http://www.co.tompkins.ny.us/boe/otbf.html> or at the Board of Elections.

### Provost's office seeking team for science-based competition

The Office of the Provost is seeking interdisciplinary student teams and faculty advisors interested in representing the college in team competition for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's P3 Award: A National Student Design Competition for Sustainability.

All those interested in learning more about this competition are invited to attend an informational meeting from noon to 1 p.m. on Tuesday in the Emerson Suites. Contact Marian Brown at 274-3787 of your interest and intent to attend so sufficient materials are prepared.



# Weather causes pipe nightmares

BY KATIE MASLANKA  
Assistant News Editor

Ithaca gained a few more waterfalls over the weekend as 11 broken pipes gushed water in buildings across campus.

Junior Autumn Dae Miller found out firsthand when she stepped out of her College Circle apartment bathroom after a shower Friday. Fire sprinklers were spraying water everywhere and the apartment was flooding — fast.

The scene in the apartment was incredible, said senior Scott Goldman, who lives with Miller.

"When I got here, it was like the Titanic," he said. "It just seemed like water was coming out of everywhere."

Miller and Goldman were two of 17 students whose apartments and dorm rooms were damaged when 11 pipes on campus burst due to the freezing weather. Physical Plant crews rushed to keep the flooding under control and minimize damages to residence halls and academic buildings.

Since Friday, pipes have broken in Smiddy Hall, the Campus Center, the Fitness Center, the Center for Natural Sciences, Cerrache Center, Terraces 10 and 11, the East Tower and College Circle Apartments 3 and 5.

Seventeen students in five College Circle apartments had to be relocated to rooms in the Terraces, said Dave Maley, director of media relations. The students will remain in those places for several weeks until the pipes are fixed and all damage is repaired.

The structural damage mainly involved water stains on the walls of the buildings, although had to take down part of a ceiling



PHYSICAL PLANT WORKER Doug Hine examines a broken pipe in the ceiling of the ground level of the East Tower Friday afternoon. Eleven pipes on campus burst due to the cold weather and high winds.

in the College Circles in order to reach the broken pipe. Crews are working to repair sheetrock and to repaint and fix carpeting in the damaged areas.

There was no structural damage in the academic buildings, said Rick Couture, director of Physical Plant.

According to a press release from the Ithaca Fire Department, the water pipes broke when ex-

air that usually surrounds the pipes to keep them from freezing. The water inside the pipes froze, and when the building heating systems were able to raise the temperature above freezing, the ice thawed and water escaped from the burst pipes.

Temperatures at the end of last week hovered near zero with wind chills of minus 30 or 40 degrees. Those factors, coupled with

break, made the pipes more susceptible to freezing and breaking, Couture said.

Miller said when she saw the water filling the apartment, she rushed to pick up anything on the floor that might get ruined. Her quick thinking saved most of their belongings, though some clothing did get damaged.

Everything directly beneath the sprinklers got especially wet,

he said.

At each location, physical plant crews worked to cap off the broken pipe, turn off the water, replace the pipe head and recharge the system. Electricity was turned off temporarily while workers removed water using wet-dry vacuums, push brooms and some more unorthodox tools.

"I gave them an old sled to scoop water out," Miller said.

Fire Protection Specialist Doug Gordner, who responded to broken pipes at five locations on Friday, said he had never seen so many pipes break in such a short time.

Couture said that while pipes occasionally break every winter, it has been a few winters since this many have burst.

"It's a little unique," he said.

Physical Plant workers have been working hard and are doing as much as they can to fix the problems, Couture said, and they are hoping to start allowing students back into the residence halls and apartments as soon as possible.

Miller said the crews at her apartment went beyond their call of duty.

"The Physical Plant people actually stayed like an hour and a half past when they were supposed to be here because they saw how much of a mess it was and they didn't care, they stayed and finished," she said.

Residential Life, Physical Plant and the college administration will be working together to keep this kind of situation from occurring in the future, Couture said.

"This is not what anybody wants at all," he said. "We'll do our best to come up with a solution again."

## Author recounts civil rights era

BY STEPHANIE BERGERON  
Staff Writer

Using examples from the civil rights movement, a Pulitzer Prize-winning author and historian stressed the importance of nonviolence to achieve change during a speech on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Approximately 175 students, faculty and staff attended a speech by Taylor Branch titled "Violence, Race, Democracy: What Rules America?"

Branch spoke about how students were often the leaders toward change during the Civil Rights Movement. He said that sit-ins with college students were the first show of nonviolence at the time.

Branch also said that using violence would have ruined the movement.

"If violence wins, and we surrender to violence, then the movement is dead," he said.

Freshman Laura Seivert said that Branch's speech showed her the power of the public in mak-

ing change.

"The people he talked about that made the whole Civil Rights Movement possible were just ordinary people like us," she said.

Branch offered advice on how to use nonviolent means to solve problems.

"Be willing to die for it before you kill for it and, above all, practice it," he said.

Branch also talked about how the Civil Rights Movement grew from very small acts.

He referenced the freedom riders, an interracial group that boarded buses headed for the South in the 1960s, and how their acts were the beginning of the move toward the desegregation of public buses.

Branch spoke about his work with the Civil Rights Movement and the problems he encountered when he traveled to Southern churches, schoolhouses and homes to encourage voter registration.

He was often kicked out of houses and arrested for his work in the South. He said that the fear of retribution from whites kept many blacks from taking the risk of registering to vote.

Branch explained that he was initially uninterested in the movement but got involved after seeing Birmingham, Ala., police release dogs and turn on fire hoses against black protestors in the 1960s. He kept a diary of his work, which was later published.

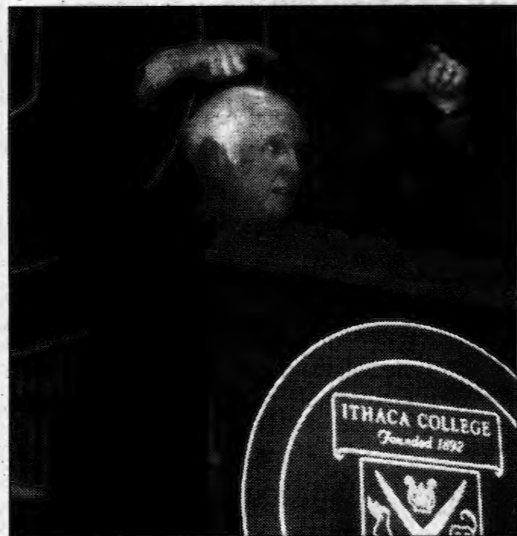
"It was written because I was full of wonder and speechless over what I had discovered," he said.

The importance of storytelling over abstraction was also a topic of the speech.

"To go back and recapture the power of the movement and how that went you have to keep the narrative," he said.

Branch's book "Parting the Waters," the first book in a trilogy covering the story of the Civil Rights Movement, earned him a Pulitzer Prize for history. Branch has received many other writing and humanitarian awards, including the National Humanities Medal.

The speech was part of the college's ongoing "Engaging Democracy and Troubling the Water" lecture series.



TAYLOR BRANCH, historian and author of "Parting the Waters," a Pulitzer-prize winning account of the Civil Rights Movement, spoke Monday night in Emerson Suites.

## Walkabout program stumbles on visas

BY ELIZABETH A. CROWLEY  
Senior writer

The Walkabout Down Under, Ithaca College's newest study abroad program, had to be modified this week after problems arose over student visas.

The 13 students who signed up for the study abroad program in Australia learned last Friday that the Australian immigration department was not issuing them visas for the four-university program.

The Walkabout Down Under program originally had students traveling to four different universities throughout the course of a semester. In order to solve the problem, the students in the program will now be taking classes at three universities instead of four.

Rachel Cullenen, associate director of study abroad programs for the Office of International Programs, said the exact cause of the visa problem is unclear, but may be related to the unique nature of the program.

"[The Australian immigration services] have never had to issue visas for this type of a program before, so somehow it became clear that there was no mechanism for which they could allow students to study at four different universities through the course of one semester," Cullenen said.

The international programs office initially offered students several options instead of the original Walk-

about program, including attending one Australian university for the semester or returning to Ithaca.

Junior Julie Keech, a student set to do the Walkabout, said she started to plan a more traditional study abroad program, staying at one university throughout the semester, after hearing about potential problems last Friday.

Keech said she was relieved that her study abroad plans are now securely in place.

Junior Eric Pierce said he was never too worried about his semester abroad because of the several options offered by the Office of International Programs.

"There wasn't much they were going to be able to do to keep me out of Australia," Pierce said.

Cullenen said the Office of International Programs will be evaluating whether the Walkabout Down Under Program will remain a three-university program, with universities chosen from the four universities each semester, or whether the program could return to being a four-university program.

Because Griffith University in Brisbane will not be part of this semester's tour, the international programs office will try to help students plan a visit over spring break to the Gold Coast area where Griffith is located, Cullenen said.

News Editor Anne K. Walters contributed to this story.



## BOOKING IT



LARRY WESTLER/THE ITHACAN  
STUDENTS BEGAN LINING up early on Monday to buy textbooks for the semester.

## First union surprises college

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against the union 5-13, Armstrong said. The officers decided to take another vote this year because they did not believe the college addressed their concerns.

The UGSOA represents more than 8,000 armed security officers and has nearly 100 local unions nationwide. The vote made the public safety staff the first local in New York.

Ithaca College faculty members made an attempt to unionize in the late 1970s and early 80s. Citing an unworkable relationship with the college's administration, a majority of faculty members voted to unionize. Then-President James J. Whalen argued that faculty members at a school like

Ithaca did not have the right to unionize because their jobs involved administrative and managerial duties.

In May of 1982, the National Labor Relations Board ruled in favor of Whalen and the faculty union was crushed.

The question of unionization divided the faculty almost evenly, though the disagreement did not cause problems between professors on different sides of the issue.

Retired history professor Paul McBride said relations among faculty were never damaged by the vote.

Relations between the faculty and Whalen were initially cold after the union was shut down, but eventually both sides got past their differences, retired psychology professor Linda McBride said.

## Art major touched many lives

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children was clear, her father said. Erika loved her younger brother Justin and treated him with special care. She was three when he was born, and her father said from the day Justin came home from the hospital Erika always wanted to hold him and feed him and play with him.

She worked as a counselor at a circus camp every summer, teaching kids to walk on stilts, jump through rings of fire and simply spreading her joy to them.

She taught children's ski lessons in her hometown of Middletown, Conn. She had just recently begun to teach lessons at Greek Peak ski resort outside of Ithaca.

"She used to come home from the slopes with her arms all swollen and tired from running around and picking up all the little kids who had fallen," Stan Watson said. "But she would go right back and do it again the next day. She loved it."

Her father said she came to Ithaca College because she never wanted to be bored. She wanted to meet interesting people and do amazing things.

On the first day of their freshman year, she and her roommate Anjana Hansen made a lasting connection.

"Right when we met, we just became friends," Hansen said. "She was always just trying to have fun and come up with something new to do. Everyone she met always

remembered her because she was just so friendly. You wanted to be around her."

Erika and Anjana lived together freshman year, had singles next to each other sophomore and junior years, and shared a house off campus with senior Jason Harris this year.

The two women went to London together for a semester and traveled all over Europe.

"I think she convinced me to do a lot of things I never would have tried before," Hansen said. "That was Erika."

Harry McCue, chairman of the art department, remembered Erika as a standout student in the class she took with him her sophomore year.

He said her outgoing nature and warm personality made a big impact on everyone in his department.

"I called all the professors when I heard, and each one of them said the same thing: 'Not Erika. Not her.'"

Stan Watson always knew Erika was special, and he said as difficult as her loss has been for family and friends, it just confirms what he suspected all along.

"We raised an angel," he said. "She had important work to do, and it was just somewhere else. I'm convinced that people that happy, people at such a high point in their lives, don't just get taken for no reason. People with that much energy and happiness, they're needed everywhere, not just on earth."

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# Students honor King through acts of service

BY ANNE K. WALTERS  
News Editor

While the Polar Plunge has been a tradition at the college for four years, this year the community service event became another way for students to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

More than 50 students volunteered at the State Theatre, the YMCA, Challenge Industries and other organizations throughout the community.

Deborah Mohlenhoff, coordinator of community service and leadership development, said she tried to focus the day on King and his commitment to service.

Participants discussed King's service and how their service related to him.

Senior Alison LaGarry, who led a team of volunteers that painted hallways at Challenge Industries, said, "It gives us a more active role in the goals presented by Dr. King."

LaGarry said that not only was the volunteer work itself rewarding, but learning about Challenge Industries showed her more of the work being done in the community.

This was also the first year faculty and staff were invited to participate in the event. Eight staff members spent the day volunteering with students, Mohlenhoff said.

She said she hopes to include more staff and faculty in next year's Polar Plunge.

Kelly Stevens, associate director of the

Center for Student Leadership and Involvement, worked with students at the State Theatre.

She said the event provided her with a chance to see students she wouldn't normally see and interact with them in a different environment.

Stevens said it made sense to include the Plunge in the Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebrations.

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—ALISON LAGARRY  
Senior

"A lot of times we do the Martin Luther King Day celebration and leave out the service components," she said. "It becomes a passive event."

Freshman Ameerah Brailsford returned to school for the Polar Plunge after participating in the Community Plunge during the fall.

She said that spending the day mopping and beating the dust out of theater chairs at the State Theatre was rewarding.

"I think it's good because they don't have a lot of money to restore the place, so every little bit counts," she said.

State Theatre general manager George Holets said this was the third group of volunteers from the college that has done work at the theater.

"It makes a big impact," he said. "It helps us get some stuff done that we don't have the resources to do."

The cleaning was especially needed due to recent construction dust, he said.

The historic State Theatre was reopened in 2001 after years of disrepair, and remodeling work has continued since then.



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FRESHMAN AMEERAH BRAILSFORD mops the aisles of the balcony in the State Theatre on Friday for Polar Plunge, which celebrated the spirit of Martin Luther King Jr.



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# Business school nears accreditation

BY ANNE K. WALTERS  
News Editor

The business school will take one of the final steps toward accreditation when representatives from the accrediting agency visit campus later this semester.

Accreditors from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business will arrive on campus the third week of February to evaluate the school. The AACSB board must then meet to make the final decision on accreditation.

For the past five years, the business school has made improvements that will lead to accreditation, an acknowledgement by an outside group that the school has met high achievement standards.

Dean Robert Ullrich said students will not notice a difference between attending an accredited school and the current school because the quality will remain the same.

It is not that the final accreditation will improve the quality of the school, but that the process toward meeting the accreditation standards has created continuous improvements in the school's quality, he said.

As the school has prepared for accreditation, enrollment has grown and the SAT scores for incoming freshmen have increased, he said.

The school started a Master of Business Administration degree program and added new faculty members, he said.

The school has also improved its use of technology. When surveying alumni and graduating seniors the school used to hear that there was not enough emphasis on

technology, he said.

"We don't hear that complaint anymore," Ullrich said.

According to the AACSB Web site, it assures that business schools: "manage resources to achieve a vibrant and relevant mission; advance business and management knowledge through faculty scholarship; provide high-caliber teaching of quality and current curricula; cultivate meaningful interaction between students and a qualified faculty; and produce graduates who have achieved specified learning goals."

AACSB is the premier accrediting organization for business schools. More than 900 colleges, universities and corporations belong to the AACSB.

Patricia Libby, associate professor of business accounting said the accreditation will help to increase the value of students' degrees. Recruiters and graduate schools will look positively on students from an AACSB accredited school.

In the short-term, the accreditation will open up additional scholarships and honor societies to students, she said.

Ullrich said being an accredited business school will be helpful in recruiting new students.

"Everyone says we teach business, finance and so on," he said. "We can say this is what we've done in the past five years, and here's what we're doing in the next five."

Libby said students can help by participating in forums to discuss the school, treating the accreditors with respect and being excited about the process.



LAUREN SPITZ/THE ITHACAN  
PROFESSOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION Abraham Mulugetta assists senior Tatyana Nadeyeva in the Center for Trading and Analysis of Financial Instruments last semester. Students have access to real-time financial information through the center in Smiddy Hall.

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# Loan default rates at lowest in decade

BY CHRISTA LOMBARDI  
Chief Copy Editor

For seniors graduating from expensive institutions like Ithaca College, the reality of repaying student loans can be intimidating. However, figures from the U.S. Department of Education offer hope for individuals who rely on loans to fund their education. The number of students who default on their loans — by not repaying them in the assigned time period — has reached new lows for the past decade, prompting officials to believe previous default problems have been eliminated.

But a recent report from the Office of the Inspector General suggests that the method of determining default rates may not provide an accurate assessment of borrowers' behavior.

The report indicates that the decreased default rates may reflect a modification of guidelines more than a change in rate of repayment. In 1998, Congress adjusted the window for identifying a borrower in default from 180 days to 270 days.

Larry Chambers, director of financial aid at Ithaca College, said while the extension may have some bearing on default rates, whatever the cause of the decrease, the effect on the college's students is minimal.

"We'll be keeping a watchful eye to see if the Department of Education changes the manner in which it calculates cohort default rates," Chambers said. "But whether it was in the old way or the new way, we've always had a default rate that has been lower than the national average."

For the fiscal year 2001, Ithaca College's default rate was 1.3 percent, while the national rate was 5.4 percent.

Chambers said borrowers default on their loans for a host of reasons. If students move and do not notify the bank, they may never receive their payment books. Other stu-

dents may simply be unable to meet loan obligations. He added that often borrowers just aren't trying to work with their lenders to find a solution.

"One of the reasons why Ithaca's default rates are so low is that we do a very good job of counseling students when they leave college about what their rights and responsibilities are under the loan programs," Chambers said. "So we talk about these things like forbearance and deferment and loan consolidation so students are more aware of the options that are available to them."

With forbearance, the lender allows the borrower to make smaller payments than originally agreed upon. Deferment excuses the student from all payments for a period of time. Borrowers seeking deferment are usually students who decide to further their education or meet other specific qualifications. The government must repay loans for individuals in default — the most severe outcome.

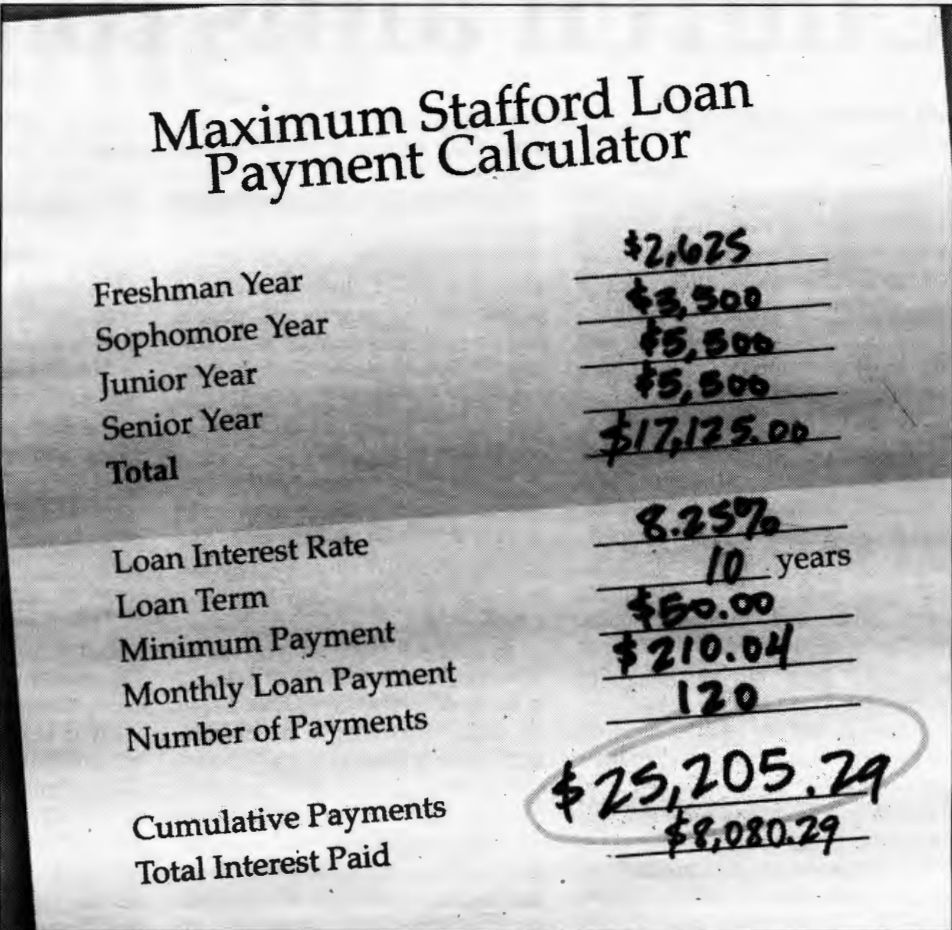
Sophomore Alicia Arnold is already feeling the burden of taking out student loans.

"I forgot I had them," she said. "But I do remember last semester when I was looking at my financial aid when it came and counting the Stafford loans, saying, 'Oh, I'm X amount of dollars in debt already, and I haven't even finished my second year of school.'"

Chambers said reality sets in for most students when they are required to complete online exit interviews, which can be accessed through the Office of Financial Aid's Web site. He said this is when the responsibilities of the loans are communicated and students evaluate their budgets.

"It's kind of a scary thing because it's an adult thing," Arnold said. "As a freshman, you're like, 'Oh, I'm in college — this is great' ... and then as you get older you realize ... you're going to have all of these things to pay back, and you're only in your

## Paying back the loans



GRAPHIC BY MATT QUINTANILLA/THE ITHACAN

These calculations are for a student who takes out the maximum amount of Stafford Loans each year and pays the highest interest rate allowed by law to pay off the loans in 10 years.

mid-20s."

To avoid default, Chambers recommends that students borrow the least amount of money possible, use loan calculators on the Internet to estimate their monthly payments based on the total amount they think they will borrow, and determine whether they will have enough money after they graduate to pay off the loans.

"The consequences of default are severe," Chambers said. "When you're in default, it ruins your credit rating — it prevents you

from getting other types of federal financial aid if you are looking to go on to graduate school or beyond."

He said the best thing students can do is to work with their lenders to discuss alternatives. Borrowers often opt for loan consolidation because it allows them to combine all of their loans and repay them over a longer period of time.

For more information, students should visit [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org) or [www.ithaca.edu/finaid](http://www.ithaca.edu/finaid).

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# Church aims to inspire change

BY CHRISTA LOMBARDI  
Chief Copy Editor

It's six o'clock on a bitter, snowy Sunday evening. While most students are in their rooms finishing up last-minute homework or socializing, 16 people from Ithaca College, Cornell University and the local community gradually file into the Muller Chapel.

Soothing music fills the room as each person settles into a seat and begins to defrost. Minister Zach Williams stands at the front of the room, welcoming the worshippers, urging them to stand and clap. After members of the congregation greet each other and exchange hugs, Williams reminds them, "We're not about just pure numbers ... we're about changing people's lives."

This is just the second meeting of the Empowerment Church at Ithaca College. Rooted in the African New World Christian tradition, the initiative is influenced by the book "The Empowerment Church," by Carlyle F. Stewart. It calls for "a new type of a church that incorporates and understands different cultures, but also really targets various ages and groups," said Williams, who is an assistant professor at the Center for the Study of Culture, Race and Ethnicity.

After arriving at the college in August, Williams said he recognized a need to have religious services that reflect more diversity of cultures and worship experiences.

Before joining the Empowerment Church, seniors LaToia Hosey and Tiffany Jackson had attended several

different services on and off campus since their freshman year, but said they never found them fulfilling.

"[The Empowerment Church] is more than just a service," Williams said. "We're trying to create a lifestyle of empowerment for people, a community of people that interact more than just at the surface. ... As people in the church are empowered, then they will feel empowered to go out and change conditions in society."

While several plans for community outreach and activism are in the works, Williams said currently the primary objectives are to get people to attend the services and to initiate a bible study.

Building a diverse fellowship, which will allow people to worship in many different ways, is not a simple task. Worshippers are encouraged to be as vocal as they choose and worship includes different types of music and praise dancers.

"There might be cultural misunderstanding as to what we're doing and just the challenges of overcoming apathy that a lot of churches go through," Williams said. He also said cynicism from people who are used to traditional religious experiences will be another obstacle to overcome, but he's not worried.

"I do think that the diversity that will come will be a strength of the church, and it's going to distinguish it from other groups," Williams said.

The Empowerment Church is designed to bring together people of different cultures, races, genders, ages and classes. An elders board composed of Williams and several

students meets regularly to discuss plans for the future of the church.

"The whole thing is to provide a place, to create community, to create a family and fellowship among various peoples, and I believe we're going to do that," Williams said. "It may take some time, but time is all we have."

Hosey said she thinks that as the members of the congregation spend more time together at the services and during outreach programs, they will begin to feel more comfortable and get to know each other better. Even after the second gathering, Jackson said this is already occurring.

"Everyone stayed after and talked to each other," Jackson said. "We really felt that we were welcome there."

Whether it's an alternative to, or an addition to, their regular services, all students, faculty and community members are encouraged to participate.

"That's what we're about — connecting people and challenging a lot of different problems out there, trying to grapple with and understand a lot of issues like interracial issues," Williams said, "because the church should be at the forefront of helping to resolve a lot of these problems, and what better place than in this atmosphere, in a place like Ithaca."

Services are held Sundays at 6 p.m. in the Muller Chapel.

"Everybody is welcome," Jackson said. "If you want to come and worship with us, we won't turn you away."



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JUNIOR TANYA NUGENT performs a dance to spiritual music as part of the Empowerment Church's worship service.

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# Public Safety incident log

## Dec. 19

### Fire alarm

LOCATION: Terrace 8  
SUMMARY: Caller reported a fire; a napkin caught on fire while person was cooking. Sgt. Keith Lee.

### Conduct code violation

LOCATION: Terrace 2  
SUMMARY: Officer reported loud noise. Five students judicially referred for noise and alcohol policy violations. Security Officer Amy Chilson.

### Unlawful possession/marijuana

LOCATION: Terrace 12  
SUMMARY: Officer reported the odor of marijuana. Three students judicially referred for violation of the drug policy and one person restricted from the college. Sgt. Keith Lee.

### Fire

LOCATION: College Circle Apartment 16

## KEY

ABC — Alcohol beverage control law  
CMC — Cayuga Medical Center  
DWI — Driving while intoxicated  
IFD — Ithaca Fire Department  
IPD — Ithaca Police Department  
MVA — Motor vehicle accident  
RA — Resident assistant  
TCSD — Tompkins County Sheriff's Department  
V&T — Vehicle and traffic violation

SUMMARY: Caller reported a fire; oil caught on fire while person was cooking. Officer transported subject to Health Center for possible smoke inhalation. Patrol Officer William Kerry.

### Unlawful possession/marijuana

LOCATION: Lyon Hall  
SUMMARY: Officer reported odor of marijuana. Two students judicially referred for possession of marijuana and seven students judicially referred for alcohol policy violation. Patrol Officer Dirk Hightchew.

## Dec. 20

### Criminal mischief

LOCATION: Terrace 3  
SUMMARY: Officer reported unknown persons. Two exit signs damaged. Pending investigation. Sgt. Frederick Thomas.

### Unlawful possession/marijuana

LOCATION: Landon Hall  
SUMMARY: Caller reported finding a pipe with marijuana residue on it. One student judicially referred for possession of drug paraphernalia. Patrol Officer Justin Benson.

### Medical assist

LOCATION: Two Fountain Place  
SUMMARY: Caller reported a person with severe headache. Ambulance transported the person to CMC. Sgt. Ronald Hart.

## Dec. 22

### Larceny

LOCATION: Job Hall

SUMMARY: Caller reported theft of a carpet with the college seal on it. Pending investigation. Patrol Officer Richard Curtiss.

## Dec. 23

### Larceny

LOCATION: Hill Center  
SUMMARY: Caller reported theft of computer equipment. Pending investigation. Patrol Officer Richard Curtiss.

### Motor vehicle accident

LOCATION: Substation Road  
SUMMARY: Complainant reported a two-car property damage MVA. Sgt. Frederick Thomas.

## Dec. 27

### Larceny and forgery

LOCATION: Terrace 11  
SUMMARY: Caller reported a person stole checks and forged signatures. Pending investigation by both Office of Public Safety and Tompkins County Sheriff's Office. Patrol Officer Dirk Hightchew.

### Larceny

LOCATION: Hill Center  
SUMMARY: Caller reported unknown persons stole property. Pending investigation. Patrol Officer Erik Merlin.

## Jan. 4

### Accidental property damage

LOCATION: Farm Road  
SUMMARY: Officer reported a one-car property damage MVA. Patrol Officer Bruce Holmstock.

## Jan. 5

### Unlawful possession/marijuana

LOCATION: Garden Apartment 27  
SUMMARY: Environmental Health and Safety Officers reported finding drug paraphernalia while conducting fire safety inspections. One student judicially referred for responsibility of guest and one person restricted from campus. Patrol Officer Donald Lyke.

## Jan. 9

### Conduct code violation

LOCATION: Lyon Hall  
SUMMARY: Caller reported finding a weapon while cleaning room. Pending investigation. Patrol Officer Donald Lyke.

### Conduct code violation

LOCATION: Lyon Hall  
SUMMARY: Environmental Health and Safety Officers reported finding a beer keg while conducting fire safety inspection. Pending investigation. Patrol Officer Donald Lyke.

## Jan. 12

### Conduct code violation

LOCATION: Terrace 4  
SUMMARY: Caller reported finding a weapon while conducting health and safety inspections. Pending investigation. Patrol Officer Terry O'Pray.

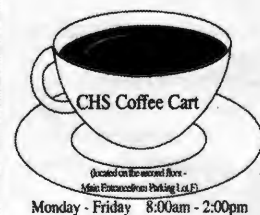
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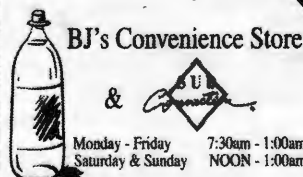
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— Ryan Allen, Page 16

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# Opinion

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## Editorials

### College-wide honors

*Program must be academically rigorous*

The college is beginning to address a long-standing hole in its academic offerings. A college-wide honors program is in the works and, if done the right way, such a program could help boost the school to a new level.

Members of the committee planning the new program are wise to focus on setting Ithaca College apart from the crowd with the new honors program. Rather than follow the pack, the college should set the pace.

But before they get ahead of themselves, committee members must remember that the goal should be to create an academically rigorous program that attracts — and then challenges — motivated students who might otherwise not attend Ithaca College. Administrators have suggested that program should promote leadership and community and civic activity, which are admirable goals. It cannot lose its primary focus on academics, though, or it will not deserve to be called an honors program.

Administrators tout the new program as another step in implementing the institutional plan, which calls for a greater focus on interdisciplinary education. But if the program is not academically rigorous enough to appeal to the best students, it will be a failure.

Current students must be involved in the planning process because they know best what prospective students are looking for. The failure to include a student on the planning committee was a mistake that can only be rectified by consistently consulting a broad spectrum of students on all questions related to the new program.

### Union vote is a censure

*College must address employee concerns*

Ithaca College now has its first organized union. The college's 26 patrol officers, security officers, dispatchers, investigators and members of the traffic department voted overwhelmingly to unionize on Dec. 12.

The 18-7 result is a vote of no confidence in the college's ability to negotiate fairly with and meet the needs of its employees and it should be taken seriously as a call to address long-simmering discontent among college employees.

Three years ago public safety employees voted against unionization, effectively giving their superiors another chance. Apparently their needs were not met.

In the run-up to the vote, President Williams argued that unions have not been popular on campus because the college is viewed as a good employer. Clearly, some on campus disagree with her.

Why was this sentiment so widespread and what can the college do to ensure that its employees are satisfied with their jobs? These are questions the college will now be forced to answer.

The Public Safety employees' daring vote is a clear sign that the college must now listen closely to what its employees have to say — or other college staff members may explore this option.



## Letters

### Ensure accessibility

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I personally would like to invite you to our January 26th SHHH Chapter at Ithaca College. We have invited a wonderful author, Marcia Dugan, who will give a presentation about her hearing loss and talk about her book called "Living with Hearing Loss." It's a wonderful book, and a resourceful educational and informational tool for people with hearing loss — at any age — to improve their lives. Presentation will be held at Williams Hall 323 on the third floor from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Marcia's talk is free

and open to public. Please invite your family and friends to join us. The speech will be hearing accessible with open captions on overhead screen and an ASL interpreter will be provided for the deaf and those with a severe hearing loss.

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### News brief misleading

I am surprised and appalled by the misleading L.A. Times and Washington Post news service coverage of Israel's security fence in the West Bank in the "Sharon defends West Bank fence to U.N." in Dec. 11 issue of *The Ithacan*. There is absolutely no evidence or proof for the claim that the fence "cuts off tens of thousands of Palestinians from family and livelihoods." Not only is this point biased, it is also untrue. Yes, regrettably there are a few thousand (but far less than "tens of thousands") Palestinians being cut off from their farmland and who face some restricted movement, but there is not one Palestinian home being displaced, nor are there any plans of doing so.

What there is evidence and proof for that you fail to mention is that the

fence has already helped and will continue to help thwart Palestinian terrorism that specifically targets innocent women, children, and men just for being Jewish. Further, if there is less terror, then there is less need for the IDF to seek out terrorists in the territories, which, because most terrorist factories are built in an urban setting. They will limit the accidental death of innocent bystanders. The bottom line is that the fence will save lives, both Israeli and Palestinian. That should be the primary concern for any proponent of peace, even the U.N.

BEN BERLINER '06

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## Another Angle

# Most students remain ignorant of King legacy

For the past 17 years, I have been asking why the college must open on Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. I've been advised that if the college were closed students would ignore this important holiday. I've also heard that the college is mandated (by the state?) to begin classes on this day. The most disingenuous argument I've heard is that if we do not start classes on Dr. King's birthday, we might have to meet an extra day in May.



FRED WILCOX  
Guest Writer

Regardless of these explanations, it is clear that Ithaca College does not choose to honor the courage and sacrifice of Dr. King and other courageous people who struggled to end centuries of violence and discrimination against African Americans.

I am aware that some students, staff and possibly faculty organize a celebration on campus — I applaud their efforts. Nevertheless, few white students and white faculty attend this luncheon. Apparently the college cannot mandate attendance at this event because some faculty (apparently most) feel compelled to hold classes on Dr. King's birthday.

What troubles me most is that most students at Ithaca College know little or nothing about the Civil Rights Movement, and even less about the terrible conditions under which millions of African Americans live. What they do know is that Martin Luther King was a nice man who gave an inspiring "I have a dream" speech long before they were born. They do not know that in one of his last speeches Rev. King denounced the Vietnam War and called the United States the "greatest purveyor of violence" in the world. In an article published after his assassination, he demanded an economic bill of rights,

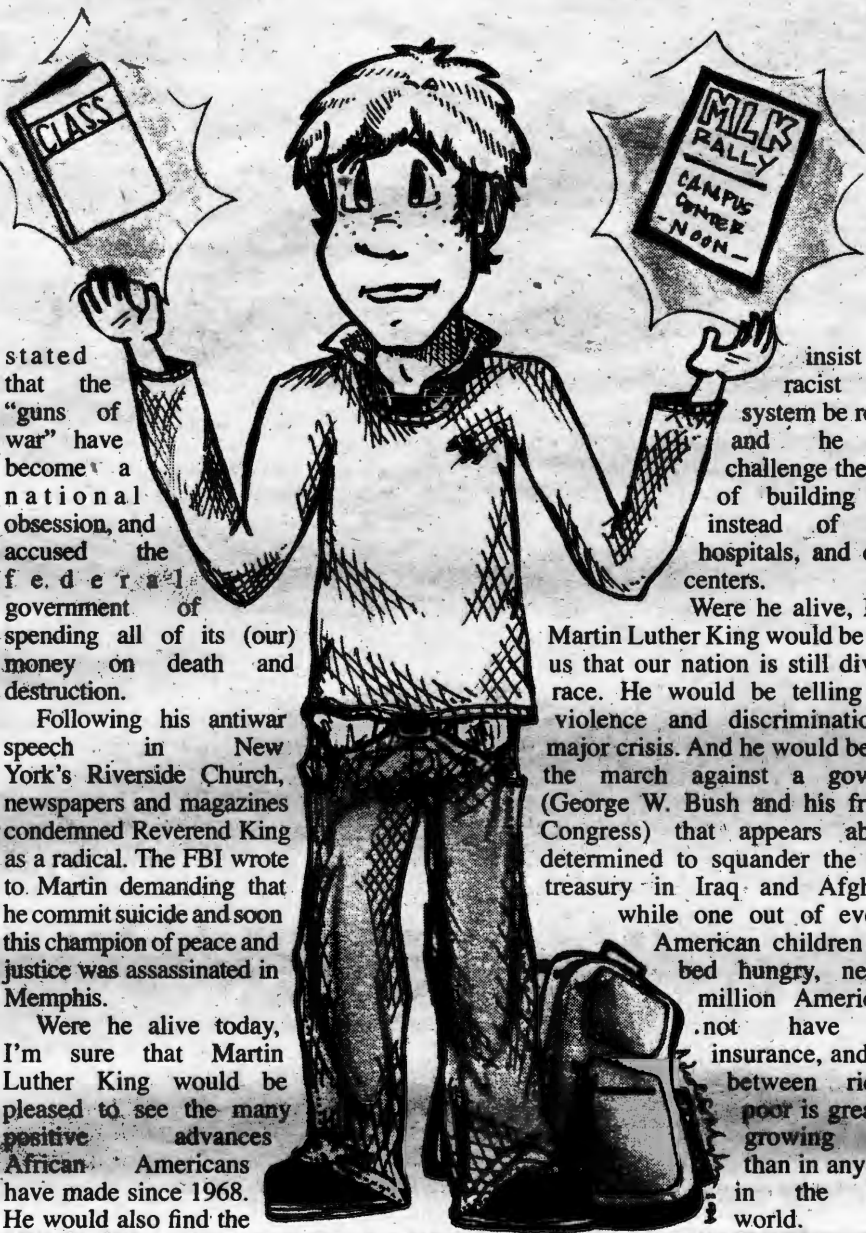
stated that the "guns of war" have become a national obsession, and accused the federal government of spending all of its (our) money on death and destruction.

Following his antiwar speech in New York's Riverside Church, newspapers and magazines condemned Reverend King as a radical. The FBI wrote to Martin demanding that he commit suicide and soon this champion of peace and justice was assassinated in Memphis.

Were he alive today, I'm sure that Martin Luther King would be pleased to see the many positive advances African Americans have made since 1968. He would also find the plight of black families trapped within ghettos deeply disturbing. He would demand that police brutality end, he would

insist that the racist judicial system be reformed, and he would challenge the wisdom of building prisons instead of schools, hospitals, and day care centers.

Were he alive, I'm sure Martin Luther King would be warning us that our nation is still divided by race. He would be telling us that violence and discrimination is a major crisis. And he would be leading the march against a government (George W. Bush and his friends in Congress) that appears absolutely determined to squander the national treasury in Iraq and Afghanistan, while one out of every five American children goes to bed hungry, nearly 50 million Americans do not have health insurance, and the gap between rich and poor is greater, and growing faster, than in any country in the Western world.



## The Way I See It

### How do you beat Bush? Dean-Edwards 2004

If asked in October 2000 who I would expect to win the Presidency in 2004, I would have replied, "Al Gore, of course! Why wouldn't he run again?" With a month left in the campaign, George W. Bush trailed Gore in the polls by a significant margin. Thirty-Six days after the election, that polling data proved insignificant and what was thought to be a sure thing for the Democrats ended in ... I can't even say, it's too heartbreaking.

Thus begins the battle for the White House 2004. As of yesterday John Kerry, who won Iowa, is now in a dead heat with Howard Dean in New Hampshire polls followed by Wesley Clark.

Despite all the coverage and statistical evidence, polls and campaign stops, the real question remains, "Who can beat George W. Bush in 2004?"

The answer? No one candidate individually has the monetary war chest and universal appeal to beat the incumbent. However, a combination of the Dean and John Edwards campaigns could.

Dean, the former Vermont governor and physician has received the valued endorsements of former Democratic Presidential hopefuls Bill Bradley and Al Gore in addition to Sen. Tom Harkin of Iowa. Why can't Dean do it alone? He paints a picture of paradise for those of us in the Bush purgatory. Democrats don't need an artist armed with a paintbrush and a dream; they need a good guide with a map and tall rubber boots able to wade through the shenanigans left by the outgoing Bush Administration.

Enter John Reed Edwards. Some describe him as Kennedy-esque. Some say he has all of Clinton's political confidence without the personal demons. The fact remains that a Democrat cannot win without part of the South. Dean cannot win these states due in large part to his patrician birth. Dean came from Wall Street wealth, spent his weekends in the Hamptons, and then became a doctor and eventually governor. Edwards was born of textile mill workers, attended public university and then law school



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JOY LANGLEY, vice president of IC Democrats, says a Dean-Edwards ticket could unseat President Bush.

essentially living the American Dream.

Key to Dean's poor showing in Iowa was his defensive posture. Instead of selling his campaign, he dodged bullets shot from all directions but one; no shots were fired from Edwards and his refusal to "go negative" (launch an attack Dean) made him look like the hero in a room full of gunslingers.

For the Democrats to pull this together it will take the unlikely cooperation of the Edwards and Dean campaigns. Dean's anger can be soothed by Edwards's composed manner. Edwards's North Carolina "everyman" can be complemented by Dean's gubernatorial "ideal man."

Does it make sense? Can it be done? Well, as Will Rogers once quipped, "I am not a member of any organized political party. I am a Democrat."

Like so many college students during finals week, the Democrats do have the ability to pull it all together with no time to spare, but in order for the seemingly impossible to be realized, we'll need to ditch the egos, throw aside the paint brushes and palate, pull up those boots and get to work.

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## Just a Thought

EMILY PAULSEN



### True or false? Ithaca is colder than Mars

Upon my return from a restful month's vacation, I was greeted Friday by some discouraging news — Ithaca was officially colder than Mars.

Mars, of course, is about 35 million miles farther from the sun than this chilly city of ours. Apparently, though, Ithaca will be second to none. While the rover Spirit landing site in Gusev crater was 12 degrees, Ithaca was hovering just above zero.

But don't get too depressed. The temperature at Gusev crater fell to negative 130 at night. Over the past couple weeks, upstate New York has only dropped to about negative 20. Our bitter Ithaca evenings won't likely be nearing Mars' nighttime negatives anytime soon.

Nevertheless, the reality of winter is definitely here. As upstate New York (along with much of the nation) slipped into a deep freeze last week, energy consumption soared, road maintenance crews worked overtime and schools closed so students wouldn't be forced to walk or wait for buses in dangerously low temperatures.

Yes, it was cold. Cars stopped running, water mains broke and thermometers reported record-setting lows. It was really cold. Not surprisingly, though, a few people seemed to have missed the memo. Among them was former Vice President Al Gore, who a week ago attempted to give a compelling speech about global warming to a frosty New York audience.

But he wasn't the only one out of sync with the forecasts. A few skin-bearing Ithacans (mostly college students) seemed to have been anticipating a midwinter heat wave. Since I returned to Ithaca a week ago, I've seen people outside in shorts, T-shirts, and miniskirts. And I'm sure it won't be long before I run into others trekking up and down the icy hills in sandals and stilettos, as I see them every year.

But why? Would it hurt to forego the fashion statement and opt for a bit of practicality? Would it be so bad to turn down the furnace and throw on some warm socks and an extra sweater?

For those of you who really think it's warm outside, skip the jacket and stick with the shorts. And if you really like wearing high heels in snow, go for it. But don't blame the weather for your frostbitten toes or your tumble into the slush.

Every year I hear endless moaning about the Ithaca winters, especially on South Hill. I can't say I'm a big fan of subzero temperatures or horizontal snowfall either, but after 20 years in Western New York, I can assure you that sandals and complaints are poor insulators.

Whine as we may, the chilly temperatures won't be leaving any time soon. Winter is certainly more bearable (and even pleasant) when met with a "deal-with-it" attitude and a bit of common sense.

Although our chances of heading to Mars seem to be increasing all the time, it doesn't look as if the 35-million-mile trip would help chilly Ithacans escape rough upstate winters, so why not focus on providing warmth for those of us stuck here on earth?

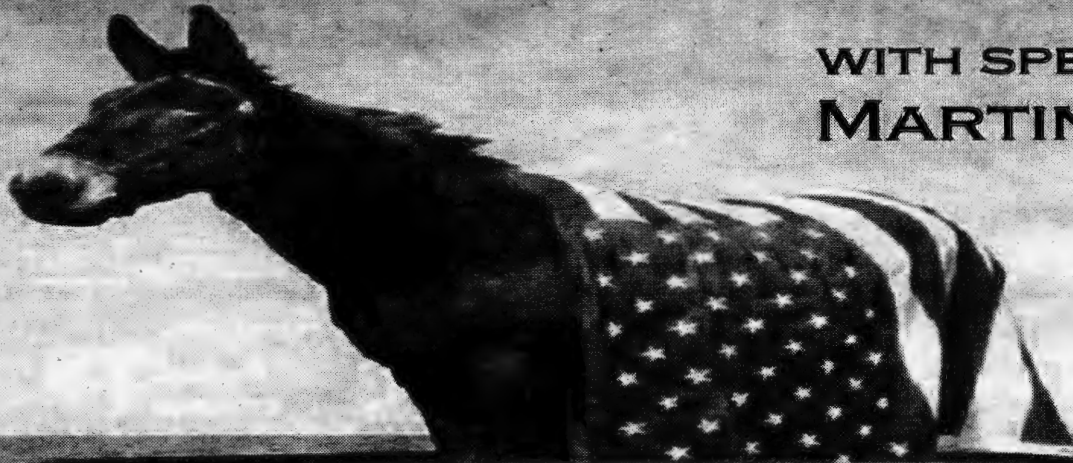
Yes, as the shirt says, "Ithaca is Cold" — especially when you're wearing that T-shirt in mid-January. So save the sandals, put on a sweater and be grateful you don't live on Mars.

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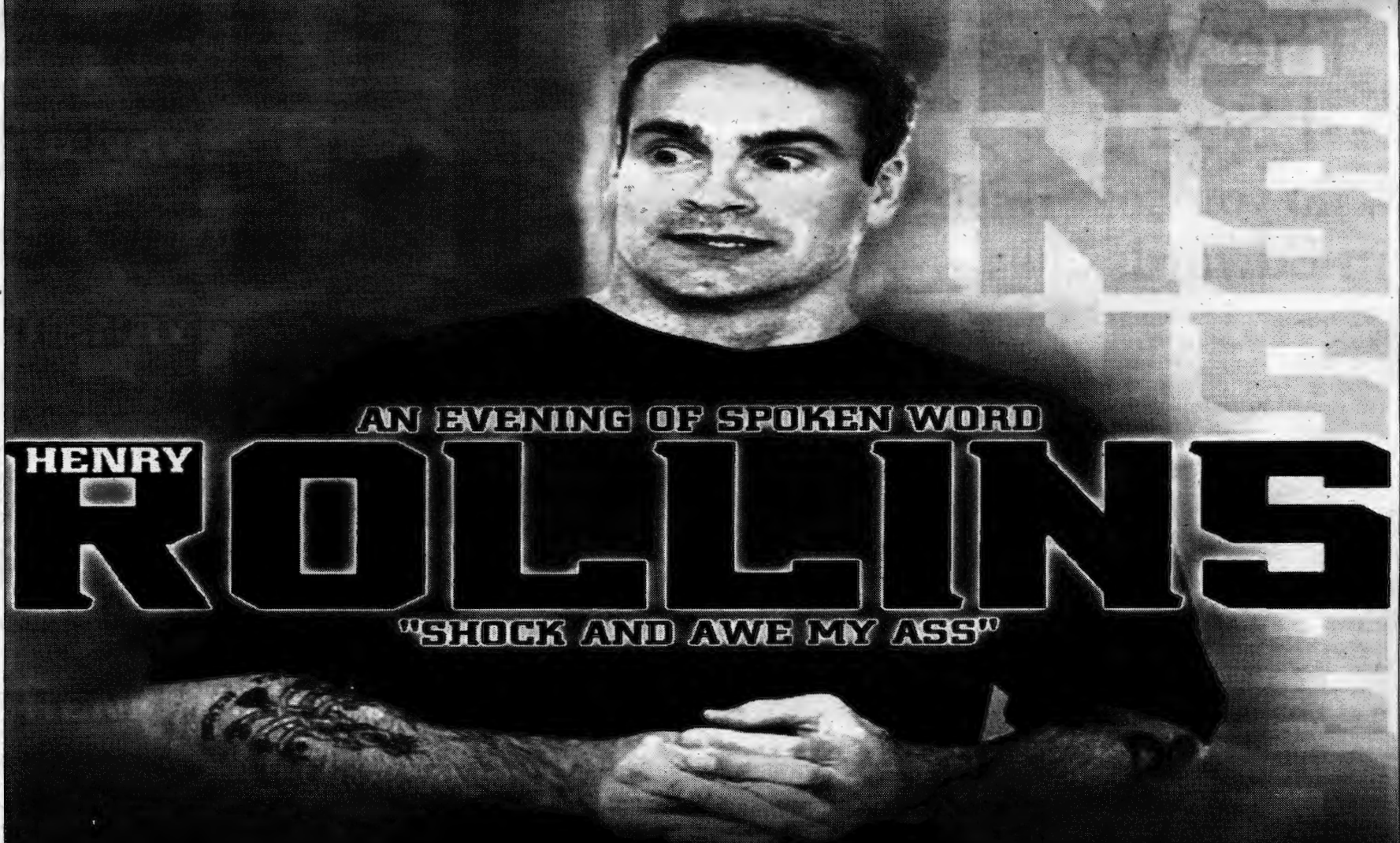


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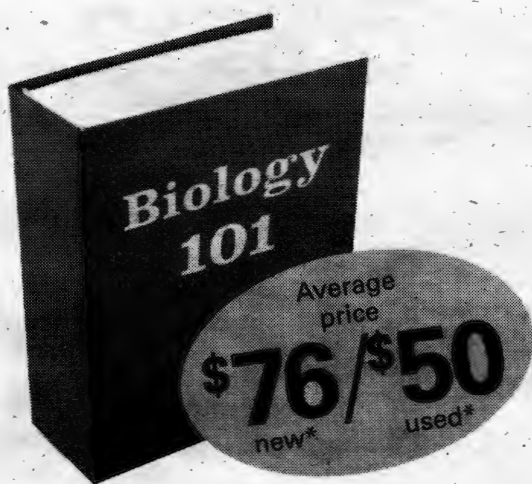
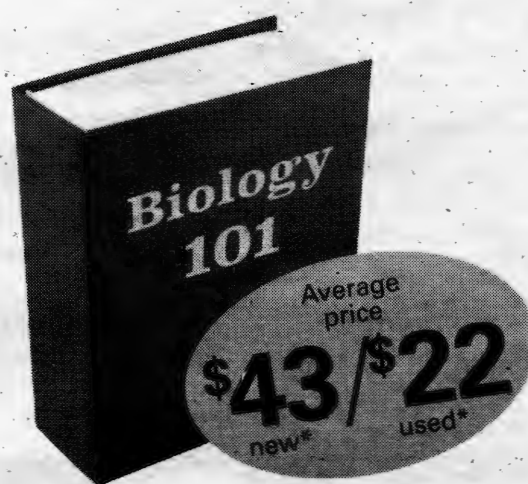
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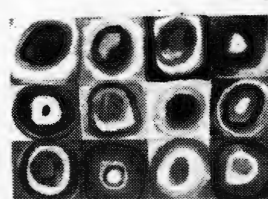
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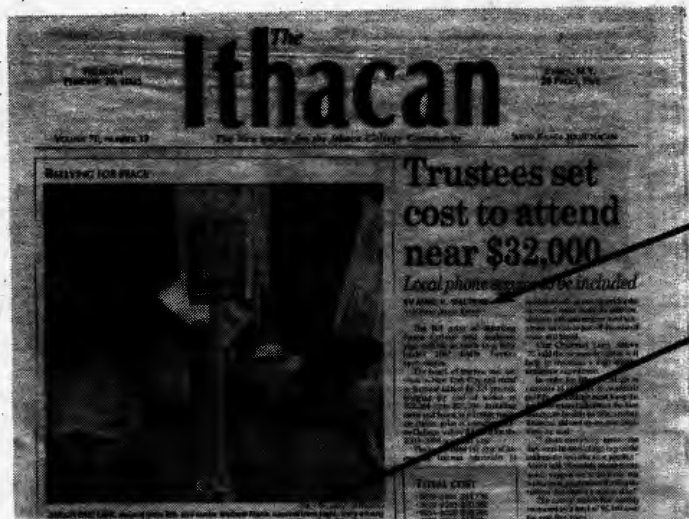
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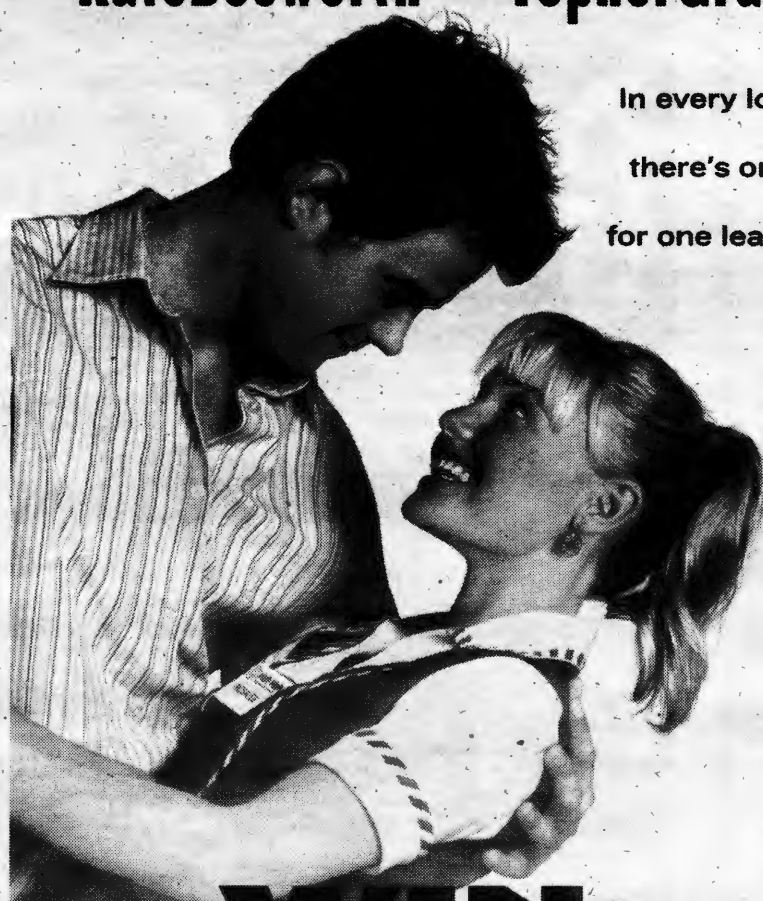
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# Behind closed doors

BY EMILY KEIZER  
Staff Writer

Artwork. Grades. Smeary finger-paint masterpieces signed by professors' five-year-olds. A trip down the halls of Muller Faculty Building is almost like visiting a museum featuring an eclectic Dilbert-Plath-Van Gough exhibition.

Many Ithaca College instructors regard door decorations as a time-honored tradition. Psychology pro-

fessor David Williams said that whether faculty opt for an ever-functional message board or tend toward more artistic expressions, they reveal a lot about their personalities through their doors.

"An office door, just like people's front doors, is an interface," he says. "It prepares people for what's inside."

Though Williams isn't suggesting that the contents of a three-by-six foot piece of oak betray any deep, dark, personal secrets, he does believe that

the variety of door décor translates to a variety of personalities.

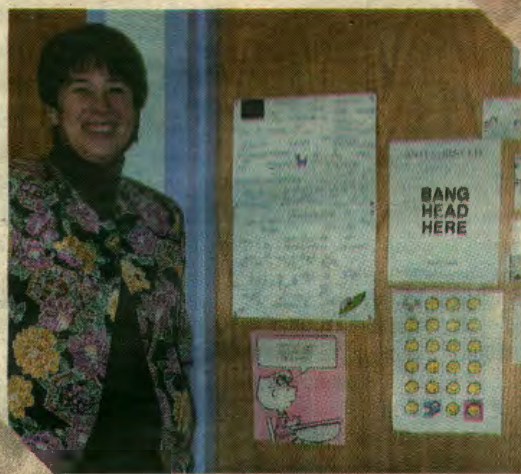
"You almost have different types — political radicals who have stuff that's anti-status quo, people who have lots of junk up there, people who try to be informative," he said.

Despite the variety, humor is a common theme in many campus hallways. According to Williams, field-related cartoons or wisecracking Internet satires can help to bridge the gap between 40-something

professors and their 20-something students.

Humor also makes the office door a little less foreboding to students lined up to talk to a professor or discuss a grade.

"The loneliest hour of the day is the office hour," Williams said. "Whatever strange things people do to their doors in most cases is to make knocking on that door easier."



**J**ohn Barr, associate professor of mathematics and computer science and self-proclaimed geek, plasters computer-related and mostly politically neutral posters and printouts across his office door.

One thing Barr isn't neutral on is the Macintosh vs. PC firestorm. A strong Mac advocate, Barr uses his door to tout Macs — which he describes as the computer equivalent of a BMW because of its subtle features and refinements. In the center of the display is a photo of a glossy beetle emblazoned with the words "Free bug with every Microsoft product."

"It's a beetle, but it's something that preys on dead flesh," Barr said. "My son's an entomologist, so I know a little about insects and things, and there's a second level of humor there."

Barr includes cartoons and a haiku celebrating the life of a late computer scientist to prove that "geeks" are in touch with the real world.



**T**he most attention-grabbing section of **Liz Begley's** door is a "stress kit" poster with a large circle and the instructions "Bang Head Here." The clinical assistant professor of speech language pathology and audiology prefers her magnetic poetry to any head-banging action that might occur, however. She said she likes that students interested in language can play with them.

Students also contribute by writing on the communication board at the bottom of the display. The picture-and-word-covered board,

which a nonverbal person could use to express herself, is a spoof on Begley's own state of perpetual happiness. Words like "lively" and "blissful" and "on cloud 9" populate the board.

Still, attention often returns to the "stress kit." When asked if anyone has ever actually banged a head on the sign, Begley laughs.

"Not very hard. And never about my classes, or never that they tell me. People always look at it and ask why it is posted so low. It's because I'm only five feet tall!"

**I**t's difficult to walk past the office of **Scott Hamula**, assistant professor of television-radio, without noticing the poster on his door. The centerpiece of a display that features everything from grinning "Simpsons" characters to announcements about advertising competitions, the poster is a two-by-three-foot photo of a nerdy man sitting in his boxers with a cluster of medals around his neck.

"It's just a creative poster announcing a national advertising awards ceremony," Hamula said. "Students think it's funny to ask, 'Who's that in the poster? Looks like you.' Which is crazy — I don't look like that at all!"

The poster exemplifies Hamula's belief in the value of combining work and play. He loves the fact that the poster draws students into his office to discuss more scholarly matters like career and internship opportunities. Marketing materials like boxes of Lean Pock-ets and trade characters line his shelves.

"I have the Energizer Bunny on the floor, and I've got a Frosted Flakes box because frosted flakes displays Tony the Tiger."



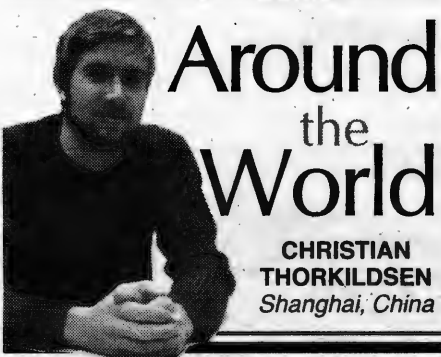
**P**sychology professor **Carla Golden** isn't bothered by the fact that her fiercely personal and political door tends to stir up emotions. Anti-Bush stickers and cartoons poking fun at people's misunderstandings about feminism serve at the very least as discussion-starters.

"I think it's important to take stands on major social issues of the day," Golden said. "I try to capture students' attention but get them to think about what's going on in the world."

Some of Golden's decorations, including a New York Times ad from anti-war organization Moveon.org, have had messages scrawled across them. Though she also gets positive reviews — many students borrow her Boondocks comics to make copies for themselves — she enjoys the freedom she has to decorate her door. Since serving jury duty in Ithaca, her Amnesty International bumper sticker has joined her office display.

"One of the questions they asked was, 'What bumper stickers do you have on your car?'" Golden explained. "I saw person after person get dismissed because they had radical or progressive bumper stickers. I hope when I get called up for a jury I won't get dismissed because of my door!"





## Around the World

CHRISTIAN THORKILDSEN  
Shanghai, China

### China: four new words, a billion new people

Checking in for my flight from Beijing to Shanghai, I felt like I was on the receiving end of a chaotic refugee food handout. And riding the bus to work, I feel like I'm in the mosh pit at a rock concert.

There are 16.7 million people in Shanghai, China, with more than a billion people, is incredibly different from my home country of Norway (population of four million).

Here, I feel like I'm in Chinatown without an exit, though it's a fascinating place to do a two-month newspaper internship.

Making the transition somewhat more confusing is the complexity of the Chinese language — a language I, as of now, only speak four words of ("hello," "goodbye," "thank you" and "you're welcome" — which is easy to remember because it sounds just like saying "Booker T").

The Chinese written language looks like a jigsaw puzzle to the untrained eye. However, the system goes back thousands of years and keeps a strong link to the rich history of the Chinese people.

That is also what appealed to me about coming to China. It is a historically rich, huge and powerful country, which I know so little about.

Naively, I pictured China as a generally warm country. It is in the south, but temperatures in the north reach well below freezing. Buildings are often built for coping with the heat and not the cold. I'm wearing nearly as much clothing indoors as outdoors now.

However, the warmth and the friendliness of the Chinese people doesn't seem to suffer, despite the lack of privileges that Americans take for granted.

Values of pride in the United States, such as freedom of the press and free speech, aren't discussed much around here — these rights are nonexistent. The media follow the government line.

Take the Taiwan issue. Call me ignorant, but I thought of Taiwan as an independent country. But my style and reference guide for the weekly paper I work at clearly states: "Taiwan is a province and an inalienable part of China. It should never be referred to in a way that might suggest it is an independent country or that there might be one China and one Taiwan."

In a country where, ideally, the nation comes before everything, a Puritan lifestyle clings on. Small things we take for granted, such as kissing your girlfriend at school or even having a girlfriend while in school, are suggested to be forbidden (as we all know it may interfere with academic progress).

A survey quoted in China Daily revealed that 45 percent of college students admitted to having sex while in college, taking the real risk of getting expelled if the girl should become pregnant.

The ruling communist government lets business run free, but personal freedom is more restricted. As a result, there are things you don't do or discuss.

If I wrote this column for the Chinese paper I work at, I'd probably be leaving the country quicker than I could say "Booker T." Despite all this, China is an immensely exciting place with a real frontier sense of opportunity.

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FRESHMAN RYAN ALLEN dresses up his room with pictures, plants and colors — essential elements in the Feng Shui method. PHOTOS BY ROSIE BARKIE/THE ITHACAN

## Design with a new direction

BY VANESSA SCHNEIDER  
Staff Writer

The quickest way to change your life is to change your environment.

Mary K. Stewart, founder and president of Feng Shui Ithaca, applied this mantra to her own life and now impresses it upon her clients.

Stewart was running behind on her sales goal working for a biotech company in the Boston area eight years ago. She needed to increase her sales from \$35 million to \$75 million. After taking a class in feng shui, she realized the decorating practice could be an opportunity to make this leap.

"So I went to my boss, and I said, 'Ellen, I have to paint my office purple.' I had learned that purple was a wealth color," she said.

Feng shui is the ancient Chinese method of arranging interior environments to direct energy, or ch'i, to enhance people's lives. It is based on the principle of Yin and Yang. According to Chris and Sophia Shaul, authors of "Essential Aspects of Traditional Feng Shui"

and leading experts in the field, "Balance, harmony, consistent change and the interdependency of all things are but a few of the deep meanings within this simple representation."

Dating back to burial arrangements used in ancient Chinese tombs, the principles took shape during the Qin and Han dynasties and their influence spread quickly.

Feng shui was banned after the rise of the Communists in China in 1949 and was confined to Hong Kong, Taiwan and southeast Asia. The practice is now popular in homes across the Western hemisphere.

Ryan Allen, a freshman English major, read a book on feng shui and applied many of its principles to the design of his dorm room.

"I didn't want to sleep in front of the door," he said. "Bad energy can pass through you when you sleep."

Allen's room has many plants that he said act as companions and promote a healthy lifestyle. There are colorful murals on his walls and pictures of friends ranging from members of bands he has played with to ex-girlfriends.

"I tried to put all the pictures of people who I really care a lot about," he said. "I have the Grateful Dead there as the very first picture."

Feng shui can be used to make over offices and living spaces. Stewart realized the potential of her practice and said she wanted to help others the way feng shui helped her.

After leaving her position in the corporate world, Stewart studied in Malaysia with Lillian Too, a top feng shui expert. There she learned feng shui theory and practice.

Stewart developed her own private consulting business based in Boston. She expanded to Ithaca and makes the 13-hour round trip periodically to do work with clients.

Stewart attributes her success to feng shui and her slogan: "Arrange your environment to transform your life."

Through her own firm, Stewart said she encourages this practice and offers private consultations for homes and offices.

"Feng shui is creating beauty, harmony and tranquility in any environment while working in harmony with nature," Stewart said.

### Feng Shui Crash Course

Mary K. Stewart, founder of Feng Shui Ithaca, recommends following some basic feng shui suggestions to make your dorm room a reflection of you. She said students can transform their life area with color, accessories and artwork.

"Each part of your home, or your room or your dorm is associated with a particular life area," she said.

- Find your personal number based on the "8 Mansions Formula" at [fengshuiboston.com](http://fengshuiboston.com). It will enable you to line up the bed and desk. Then, line up your desk and bed to face "Success Direction" or "Growth & Development Direction."
- Bring in plants and place them in harmony: For prosperity put them in the southeast corner (wealth corner); for recognition at school put them in the south.



- Add wall color: Green for health energy, life force and new beginnings; yellow/coral for nurturing energy; blue for tranquil energy; pink/light burgundy for love energy. Yellow particularly reflects thinking, talking and preparing school work, but an intense red makes it difficult to get things done.

- Replace fluorescent lights with full-spectrum lighting lamps to duplicate sunlight.

- Choose artwork to reflect your career path. Place it in the north part of the room, which represents life journey.

- Utilize fire energy (lamps or the color red) in the northeast corner of the room, which represents school and knowledge.

- To enhance passion within your social life, use earth energy including clay, stones or crystals in the southwest corner of your room.

- Use a colorful, oriental Persian rug to add color and vibrancy to the room.

- Place images of friends, partners and loved ones in the southwest corner of the room.

DESIGN BY MATT QUINTANILLA





# Students search for savings

BY KRISTEN LEISING  
Staff Writer

Between tuition bills, shopping expenses and winter break trips, students credit card bills can only be swiped so many times before their bank accounts run dry. Add in the purchase of overpriced textbooks and they're spent — literally.

The Ithaca College bookstore offers required textbooks and provides the assurance of purchasing the correct edition. However, some students feel the prices are too high.

"It's a hassle and it just costs so much money," said Kristin Martini, a freshman television-radio major.

Despite students' financial complaints, Mike Bovi, director of college stores, encourages students to buy their textbooks from the Ithaca College bookstore. He said that purchasing from the bookstore guarantees an easy return. The bookstore also strives to have 33 percent or more of its total textbooks be used books.

"The bookstore has the largest selection of used books for courses at Ithaca College," Bovi said. "There is about a 25 percent savings with purchasing a used book over a new book."

Purchasing books from a friend can be a less expensive route to take. Though senior Renee Bacino, a psychology and art double major, had to pay for her own books for the first time this semester, but she isn't paying much. She said borrowing books from a friend helped. Bacino found that there are really no downsides to this, unless students really liked the class and wanted to keep the book.

"Sometimes it was helpful because she had highlighted some sections," Bacino said.

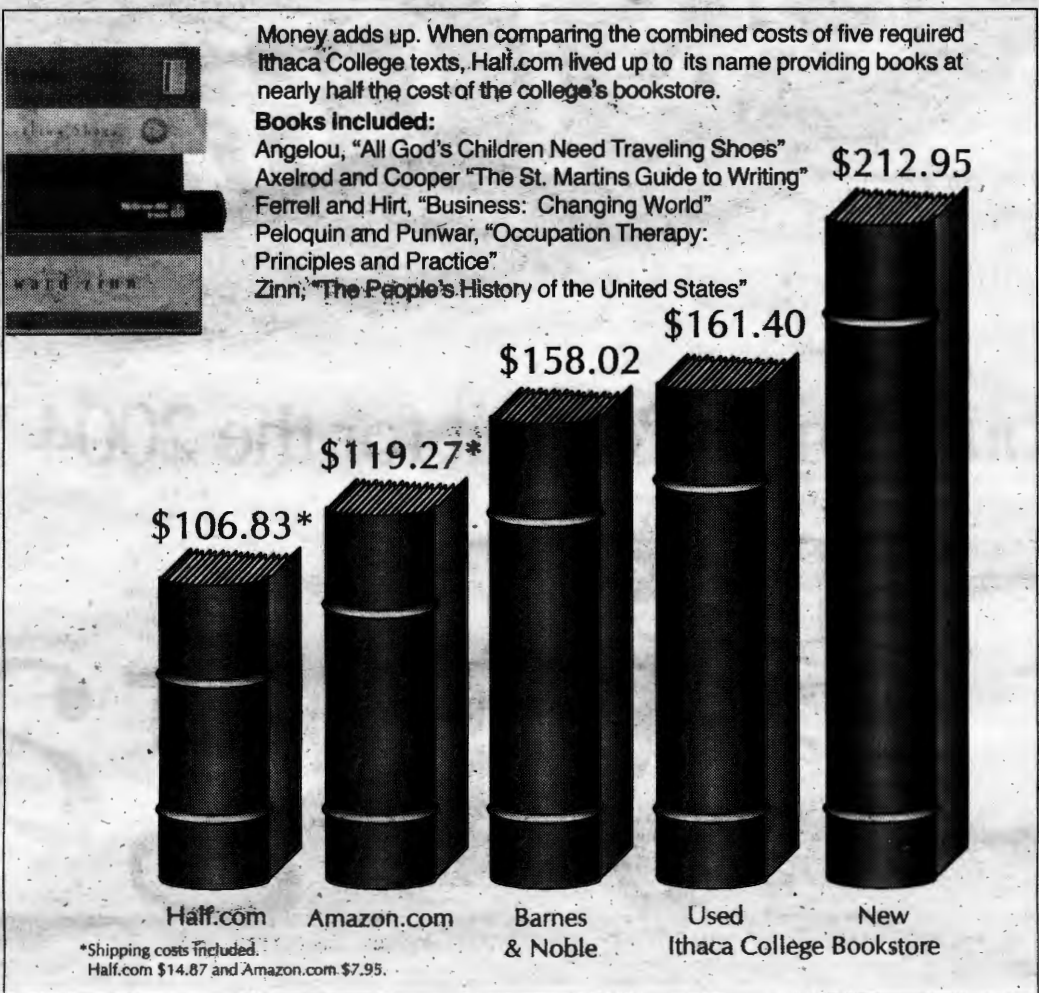
Bacino encourages other students to trade.

"Try to swap, try to borrow, at least try to buy them half price off of people," she said.

Martini agrees that everyone benefits from a student book swap because the seller receives more money than they would have received at the bookstore buyback and the purchaser ultimately pays a lower price. Also, there is no additional cost for shipping and students usually don't have to wait to receive the text.

"It's really a deal for both the buyer and the seller," Martini said. "It cuts out the middle man."

Another option is borrowing from the Ithaca College Library. Students may check out books for an entire semester, said Jim Bondra, Ithaca College's professional librarian. However, the library does not offer the most recent editions of most books, professors may



reserve the necessary books and if another student requests a book, it can be recalled and must be returned within a month.

In researching prices for five books required for Ithaca College classes, Half.com had the best prices for four out of five books. The books researched include four textbooks and one novel. Books aren't always found for exactly half the price, but the cost does come close. One downside to ordering online is it can sometimes take a few weeks to receive the book.

Though online sites can offer cheaper books, there is an added cost. In general shipping and handling is between \$2 and \$3.50 per book. This is because the books are shipped from individuals, not a large company.

Amazon.com had prices that were slightly higher, but if students are purchasing more than one book from the site, the shipping works in their favor. The cost is \$3 with an additional \$.99 per book. If purchasing several items, the buyer does benefit.

Most local bookstores do not have a wide variety of textbooks to offer students. Autumn Leaves, located in the Commons, does not sell many textbooks, but does offer a variety of novels as well as books from its foreign language section. Autumn Leaves employees are willing to assist students with finding the best prices over the phone or in person.

Martini, who sold her books, ended up buying books for her own classes from the bookstore because she wasn't able to find any students with the books she needed.

"Most of my friends are first-years, and we are all taking the same classes," Martini said.

## Accent On



DAVID PRUTTING  
ART  
2004

**Hometown:** New Canaan, Conn.

**What holiday gift did you return first?**  
Cowboy boots.

**How much money did you spend on books?**  
Books? I'm an Art major.

**What was your new year's resolution? Did you keep it?**  
To be cool. Yes.

**What's the best thing about being back in Ithaca?**  
Pretending to be a college student or going to class in a snowstorm.

**Is there a diet that works?**  
Beer and pizza. Take these two pills and call me in the morning.

**If you could be any superhero, who would it be?**  
Batman. I love to rock that suit.

**What's your favorite album to work out to?**  
Richard Simmons — "Sweating to the Oldies."

# The weather is frightful but snow is delightful

When winter falls over South Hill, college students disappear from the quads — slinking back into their residence halls. But the snow provides a different opportunity to explore Ithaca, relax and have fun through a variety of activities from skiing to climbing.

Don't let Ithaca's winter weather intimidate you. Pull up your boots, put on your mittens, zip up your jacket and head outdoors. Brave the wind and cold, because Ithaca is just as gorgeous in the winter.

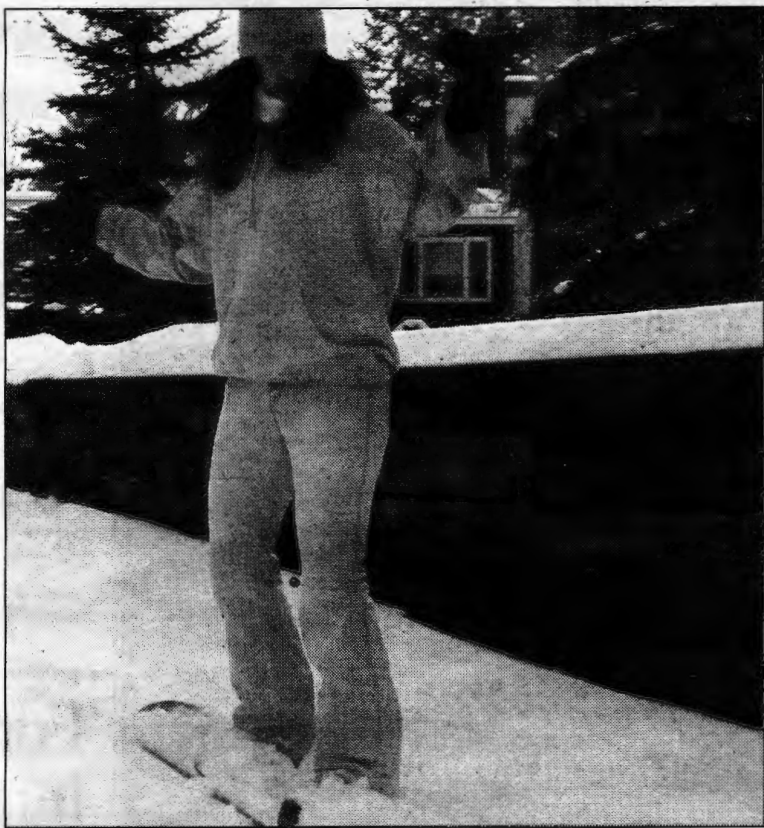
### Hitting the hills

If you are interested in a variety of snowy activities Greek Peak is the place to go. Greek Peak, located at 2000 NYS Route 392 in Cortland, has 29 ski trails and eight lifts for skiing, snowboarding and tubing. There are also cross country ski and snowshoe trails.

Greek Peak offers skiing or snowboarding day passes for \$44 and night passes for \$19. Rentals are an additional \$27 for skis and \$30 for snowboards. Students with valid identification receive \$8 off day passes and \$4 off night passes. Tubing is \$15 for five hours and includes the tubes.

Beginner packages, season passes and lessons are also available.

Greek Peak is open from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 9:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. For more information, go to [www.greek-peak.net](http://www.greek-peak.net) or call 1-800-955-2SKI.



LARRY WESTLER/THE ITHACAN  
**JUNIOR CHRISTEN SCHOCH practices snowboarding off campus in preparation for future trips down the mountains.**

### Relaxing on the trails

A variety of state parks and forests in the area have trails for cross country skiing and snow shoeing.

Connecticut Hill State Forest located off of Connecticut Hill Road in Ithaca has over 20 miles of unplowed roads and trails.

The area is open to the public free of charge. The trails are also open to snowmobiles.

Danby State Forest, off Route 96B in Danby, offers steep hills for the more experienced skier. The Finger Lakes Trail also passes through this area.

Taughannock Falls State Park, located on 2221 Taughannock Road in Trumansburg, is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Even though the rim trail is closed, other trails are open for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. The park also has areas for ice skating and sledding.

When the southern end of Cayuga Lake freezes Stewart Park, Cass Park and Cornell's golf course become one, providing a cross country ski and snowshoe area. The area is flat and suitable for beginners. Parking is located at the Moakley House on Warren Road.

### Skating around

Cass Park's outdoor ice-skating rink is located at 701 Taughannock Boulevard, Route 89, in Ithaca. Public skating hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., 11:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. and 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.; Saturday from 2:30 to 5 p.m. and 7:30 to 10 p.m.; Sunday from 2:30 to 5 p.m. and Wednesday and Friday from 7 to 9 p.m. Season passes and skating lessons are also available. Adult skating costs \$5 and rentals are \$3. Call 273-1090 for more information.

The Rink, located on Route 34 in Lansing, offers indoor public ice skating Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call ahead for skating on Fridays

from 7 to 9 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:30 to 10 p.m. The cost is \$7 and an extra \$3 for skate rentals. Call 277-RINK for more information.

### Getting the Gear

The Bike Rack in College Town, 409 College Ave., can provide the cross-country skis you need to head for the woods. Rentals cost \$14 per day, \$25 for the weekend and \$40 for Monday through Friday. The store is open Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 272-1010.

Mountain Edge Outfitters, located at 171 The Commons, rents cross-country skis and snowshoes. The cost for skis is \$15 per day, \$25 for the weekend. The cost for snowshoes is \$12 per day or \$20 for the weekend. Mountain Edge also rents plastic boots and clamps for ice climbing. Hours are Monday through Wednesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Call 273-5158.

Podunk Ski Shop on Podunk Road in Trumansburg also rents cross-country skis. The cost is also \$15 per day and \$25 for the weekend. Podunk's is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 387-6716.



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## The Cayugan

The Ithaca College Yearbook

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information  
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Cayugan office  
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# Family learns to live and love

BY MATT HUNTLEY  
Staff Writer

Movie Review  
★★★★  
"In America"

Jim Sheridan's deeply personal "In America" doesn't rely on a traditional plot, instead it develops characters through a series of meaningful anecdotes. The film isn't a genre picture, but more an observational story about an Irish family that moves to New York City and toes the line of death, loss and poverty. The film compels its viewers and absorbs them into situations involving human nature and the characters' inexplicable behaviors.

In the film, a married Irish couple, Johnny (Paddy Considine) and Sarah (Samantha Morton), along with their two daughters, Christy and Ariel (real-life sisters Sarah and Emma Bolger), move into a poor neighborhood and run-down building in Manhattan.

The hot summer temperatures and the offbeat, angry neighbor down the hall, Mateo (Djimon Hounsou), test the family's strength and emotional connections.

On Halloween, Christy and Ariel dress up and go trick-or-treating for the first time. As they pound on their neighbors' doors, the only one to answer is Mateo.

This begins a family relationship and an encounter with Johnny, who believes Mateo may be eyeing his wife and family for himself.

"I love your wife, I love your children, and I love you," Mateo says.

He reminds Johnny how truly lucky he is and also makes the viewers feel lucky. Mateo teaches Johnny that unhappiness only results from comparison.

Johnny and Sarah act happy, mostly for the sake of their daughters. Johnny still mourns and feels guilty for the death of his son Frankie, who Christy believes



EMMA BOLGER's Ariel touches the hearts of viewers in "In America." During the movie her family, including her father Johnny (Paddy Considine), struggles to survive and grow.

has given her three wishes since his death. In a way, the family's well being rests on her shoulders. It would not be right to divulge what Christy wishes for, but only that viewers will be wishing along with her.

"In America" is a bittersweet film tied together through comical and poignant episodes. In one scene, Johnny pulls an old air conditioner on a wagon through Times Square. There is also a gripping scene where Johnny asks Sarah for all their money to win an E.T. doll for his daughter at a local carnival.

Viewers will undoubtedly feel sympathy and maybe even empathy for these characters.

It was refreshing to see such a

simple story told with relatively unknown actors. Considine will be new to most viewers. His other screen credits include 2002's "24 Hour Party People." Audiences may remember Samantha Morton as the female pre-cog who could see into the future in "Minority Report" and Djimon Hounsou as the rebellious slave leader in "Amistad."

In these films the characters played supporting roles. Here, Sheridan gives them pivotal roles that display the human need to feel and share love. Sarah and Emma Bolger are surprisingly convincing in roles that demand they remain cute, but not too cute. The two match the talent of their adult co-stars, persuading viewers that

they really are a family.

As the characters and story develop, viewers realize the importance of family. They also realize how difficult it is to meet a family's financial needs.

Sheridan wrote the screenplay for "In America" with his daughters Naomi and Kirsten. Viewers will sense that he made this film for personal reasons. If Sheridan's goal was to make viewers care and hope that this Irish family makes it in America, then he has succeeded.

"In America" was produced by Jim Sheridan and Arthur Lappin, directed by Jim Sheridan and written by Jim, Naomi and Kirsten Sheridan.

## '80s icon covers classics

At last Lauper sheds eccentricity for elegance

BY CELIA STAHR  
Staff writer

Music Review  
★★★ 1/2  
"At Last"

We all remember Cyndi Lauper. Whether because of her cheesy videos or funky, one-of-a-kind voice, she is an icon of our '80s youth. Mostly, we remember how she looked: too much make-up, punky hair, a lot of lace and ruffles. That side of Cyndi Lauper, though amusing, often overshadowed her talent.

Now at 40, Lauper has mellowed, yet is still as unusual and talented as ever. On her new album, "At Last," she beautifully reinterprets old, familiar songs performed by various artists over the years.

Cyndi Lauper isn't usually coupled with the word "classy." But the '80s pop star, famous for her wacky fashion sense and offbeat personality, has channeled her unique character into these classic songs.

Her voice is still unlike any other, and here, it breathes new life into beloved tunes that conjure up images and feelings from classic films and whimsical love stories.

All 13 tracks are fantastic renditions, but several are especially notable. On the timeless "Unchained Melody," Lauper treats every word with the utmost care. Her voice is delicate, aching, passionate — simply beautiful. The song was written in the 1950s and has been performed by many different artists including the Righteous Brothers. Lauper perfectly captures

the longing and hope of the lyrics: "I need your love/ God speed your love to me."

Lauper's voice continues to be gentle, understated and tender on "Hymn to Love," a song shrouded in wistfulness: "If one day we had to say goodbye/ And our love would fade away and die/ In my heart you will remain/ I will sing a hymn to love." She sings those words with hope in her voice.

Lauper has a vocal range to be admired. Most of the song "La Vie en Rose" is soft, but when she sings "Everyday words seem to turn into love songs," her voice almost cracks with its intensity. Then she slips back into a soothing, sweet croon.

Not all the songs are love songs, though. The infectious, lively "Stay" and "On the Sunny Side of the Street" abandon the simpler, strings-based sound of the other tracks with the addition of more brass and percussion.

On the jaunty "My Baby Just Cares for Me," a song from 1928, Lauper steps out of the original pop to sprinkle in some 21st century musical: "Brad Pitt is not his style/ And even Jennifer Aniston's smile/ Is somethin' he can't see/ My baby don't care who knows/ My baby just cares for me." And her duet with Tony Bennett on "Makin' Whoopee," a song originally written in the 1930s, is both funny and elegant.

The fact that Lauper can so effortlessly and memorably recreate these songs shows how timeless they are. There is still a place for them.

If you really look at the lyrics to most of these songs, they, like Lauper, are unusual. While the music is reminiscent of sweeping ro-



COURTESY OF SONY MUSIC  
TIME AFTER TIME Lauper surprises listeners with her broad vocal range on her new album.

mances and happy endings, the words speak volumes about what real life is — complicated, messy, fun, heartbreaking and surprising.

"At Last" celebrates the quality of the songs as well as Lauper herself. She shines as an icon of eccentricity and silliness to people who haven't bothered to listen to the quality of her talent. These songs allow her to reach into her heart and communicate her intensity to listeners. We understand what she's singing about, and we feel it just as she does.

Lauper is a rare artist who can playfully dance to "Girls Just Want to Have Fun" as well as sing "At Last" with timeless grace. She is easy to picture under the spotlight on a darkened stage, dripping with elegance and stirring audiences with her vocals, but still sporting that unique aura — and bright red lipstick — as only Cyndi Lauper can.

## Movie Times

The following is valid  
Friday through Thursday.  
Times subject to change.

Cinemapolis  
The Commons  
277-6115

Star Trek IV: The  
Voyage Home  
Saturday 4:35 p.m.

Triplets of Belleville  
7:15 and 9:35 p.m.  
Weekends 2:15 and  
4:35 p.m.

In America ★★★★★  
7:15 p.m.  
Weekends 2:15 p.m.

Lost in Translation  
9:35 p.m.  
Sunday 4:35 p.m.

Fall Creek Pictures  
1201 N. Tioga St.  
272-1256

The Cooler  
7:15 and 9:35 p.m.  
Weekends 2:15 and  
4:35 p.m.

House of Sand and Fog  
7:15 and 9:35 p.m.  
Weekends 2:15 and 4:35  
p.m.

Master and  
Commander: The Far  
Side of the World  
7 p.m.  
Weekends 2 p.m.

21 Grams  
9:35 p.m.  
Weekends 4:35 p.m.

Hoyle Cinema  
Pyramid Mall  
257-2700

Along Came Polly  
12:10 p.m., 2:20 p.m.,  
4:40 p.m., 7:30 p.m.,  
9:40 p.m. and 11:35 p.m.

Big Fish  
11:50 a.m., 3:50 p.m.,  
5 p.m., 7:20 p.m. and  
10:05 p.m.

The Butterfly Effect  
11:05 a.m., 1:50 p.m.,  
4:30 p.m., 7:10 p.m.,  
9:50 p.m. and 12:10 a.m.

Cheaper by the Dozen  
11:40 a.m., 2:10 p.m.,  
4:50 p.m., 7:50 p.m.,  
10:10 p.m. and 12:15 a.m.

Cold Mountain  
11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m.,  
7 p.m. and 10:15 p.m.

The Lord of the Rings:  
Return of the King  
11 a.m., 3:20 p.m. and  
7:40 p.m.

Mystic River  
Noon, 3:10 p.m., 7 p.m.  
and 10 p.m.

Something's Gotta Give  
12:05 p.m., 3:40 p.m.,  
7:05 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Teacher's Pet  
11:20 a.m. and 2 p.m.,  
4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Torque  
7:55 p.m., 9:55 p.m. and  
11:40 p.m.

Win a Date with Tad  
Hamilton  
11:10 a.m., 1:40 p.m.,  
4:10 p.m., 6 p.m. and  
10:30 p.m.



Event of the week

*Ithacan* Recruitment  
Night at 8 p.m. in Park  
Auditorium.

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# Calendar

## Today

**Chaplain's Bible Study** — Noon in Phillips Room, Muller Chapel.

**IC Jazz Club Performance** — Noon in the Pub, Campus Center.

**SGA Budget Committee** — 12:10 p.m. in DeMotte Room, Campus Center.

**Vagina Monologues Auditions** — 2 - 11 p.m. in Emerson Suites A, Campus Center.

**Handwerker Gallery** — Opening Reception for "From Dust to Daylight: Selections From the Permanent Collection." 5 - 7 p.m. Exhibition runs through Feb. 15.

**IC Players Recruitment** — 6 - 9 p.m. in Textor 101.

**SAB Recruitment Night** — 7 - 9 p.m. in Klingenstein Lounge, Campus Center.

**ICB Radio Recruitment Night** — 7 p.m. in Park Auditorium.

***Ithacan* Recruitment Night** — 8 p.m. in Park Auditorium.

**Anime Society Of Ithaca College (ASIC)** — 7:30 - 10:30 p.m. in CNS 115.

**Fireside Chat/Mass** — 8 p.m. in Fireside Lounge, Muller Chapel.

## Friday

Last day to ADD/DROP for Block I courses

**Shabbat Services** — 8 p.m. in Muller Chapel.

**SAB Films** — "Lost in Translation" at 7 p.m. and midnight in Textor 102.

## Saturday

**SGA Representative Retreat** — 8 a.m. - noon in Emerson Suites.

**Concerto Competition Finals** — 10 a.m. in Ford Hall, Whalen Center.

**SAB Films** — "Lost in Translation" at 7 p.m. and midnight in Textor 102.

## Sunday

**SGA Representative Retreat** — 8 a.m. - noon in Emerson Suites.

**Ecumenical Worship Service** — 11 a.m. in Muller Chapel.

**Mass** — 1 and 9 p.m. in Muller Chapel.

**SAB Films** — "Lost in Translation" at 3 and 8 p.m. in Textor 102.

## Monday

**Asian Culture Club** — 7 - 8:30 p.m. in Friends 201.

**IC Republicans** — 8 p.m. in Friends 308.

**Rotaract Club** — 7 - 9 p.m. in Conference Room, Campus Center.

**International Business Association** — 8 - 9 p.m. in Friends 202.

**SAB Films** — "Lost in Translation" at 8 p.m. in Textor 102.

## DEEP FREEZE



MEGHAN MAZELLA/THE ITHACAN

AFTER WEEKS OF winter weather, Ithaca's Falls is nearly frozen solid. The frigid falls will become a raging torrent once again come spring, but for now, like the rest of Ithaca, the falls remain frozen.

## Tuesday

**SAB Executive Board** — Noon - 1 p.m. in Seminar Room, Campus Center.

**Mass of the Holy Spirit** — 12:10 p.m. in Muller Chapel.

**Campus Affairs Committee** — 12:10 - 1 p.m. in DeMotte Room, Campus Center.

**Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD)** — 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. in Friends 102.

**Faculty Recital** — Kim Dunnick, trumpet, Steven Mauk, saxophone, and Diane Birr, piano. 7 p.m. in Hockett Family Recital Hall, Whalen Center.

**IC Democrats** — 7 - 8 p.m. in Friends 204.

**UNICEF** — 7 - 8 p.m. in Friends 201.

**Turntablism Club** — 7 p.m. in Williams 323.

**COWASS** — 7:30 p.m. in Friends 309.

**Bible Study** — 7:30 p.m. in Muller Chapel.

## Wednesday

Last day PASS/FAIL Block I courses

**Eucharist for Peace and Healing** — 1:10 p.m. in Muller Chapel.

**Women's Club Lacrosse** — 7 - 8 p.m. in Williams 202.

**ICES Environmental Film and Speaker Series** — 7 - 9 p.m. in Clark Lounge, Campus Center.

**American Advertising Federation** — 7 - 8:30 p.m. in Williams 218.

**American Marketing Association** — 7 - 8 p.m. in Smiddy 112.

**"Hands of Praise" Signing Choir Practice** — 9 p.m. in Muller Chapel.

**Evensong** — 10 p.m. in Muller Chapel.

### Community

**Red Cross Community Water Safety Course** — 6-10 p.m. Advanced registration required. \$25 fee. Contact Richard at 273-1900, ext. 14.

**Storytelling and Theater Games for Adults** — 7:15 - 8:30 p.m. at Women's Community Building, 100 W. Seneca. \$32 for 4-week series. Call 272-1247 to register.

Not all Ithaca College events are listed in the calendar.

Send information to The Ithacan, 269 Roy H. Park Hall, Ithaca College, by Monday at 5 p.m. For more information, call Calendar Manager Ana Liss at 274-3208 or fax at 274-1565.



### Weekly Evening Schedule

**All Angles**  
Tuesdays at 8:30  
Wednesdays at 6:30

**Another Late Night**  
Mondays at 8  
Tuesdays at 9  
**Backstage**  
Wednesdays at 10  
Thursdays at 6:30

**Beyond the Chords**  
Sundays at 7  
Mondays at 7:30  
**Frequency**  
Sundays through Thursdays at 9:30

**Gridiron Report**  
Sundays at 9  
Mondays at 7  
**Hodgepodge**  
Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:30  
**Live on Tape**  
Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30

**NewsWatch 16**  
Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8 and 10

**Panorama**  
Sundays at 6:30  
Tuesdays at 7  
Wednesdays at 8:30

**Quabble**  
Mondays at 8:30  
Wednesdays at 7  
Thursdays at 9  
**Screening Room**

Sundays at 8:30  
Wednesdays at 8  
Thursdays at 8:30

**Thirty Minutes**  
Sundays at 10:30  
Mondays at 10  
Wednesdays at 10:30

**Ultimate Utopia**  
Mondays at 6:30  
Wednesdays at 9  
**Ya Think You Know Sports**  
Tuesdays at 6:30  
Wednesdays at 7:30



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## Employment

PT Photo taker/Investigator:  
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camera; a PC w/-email & early  
morning availability. Flex hrs.  
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5945 or rlocke@acsacc.com

## Notices

The Light and Sound of God, Jan  
22 & 29, Feb 5 & 12 7-9 p.m.  
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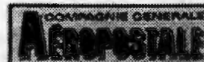
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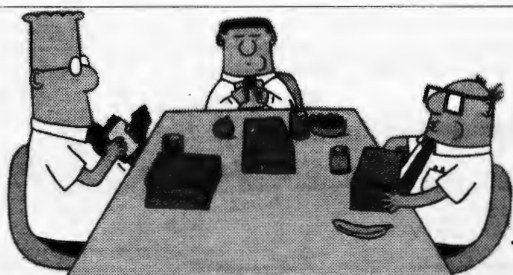
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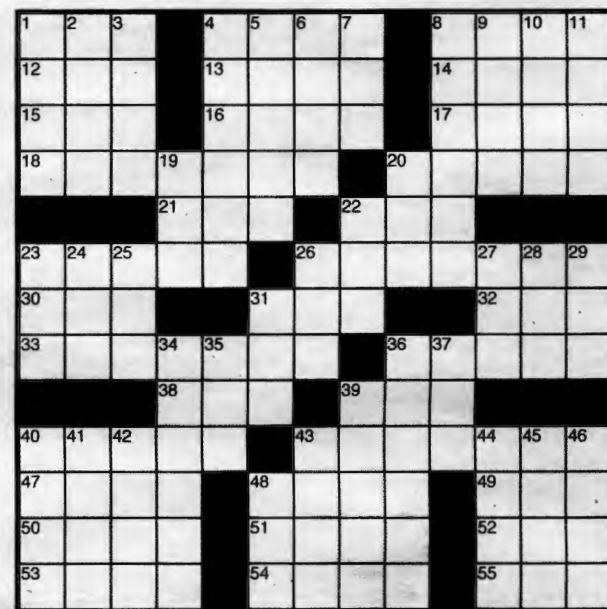
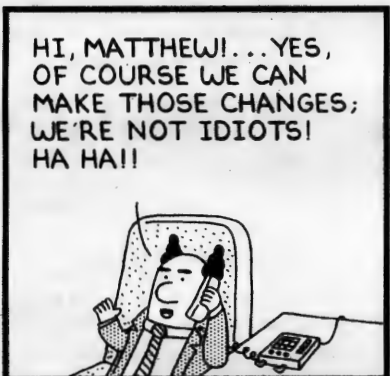
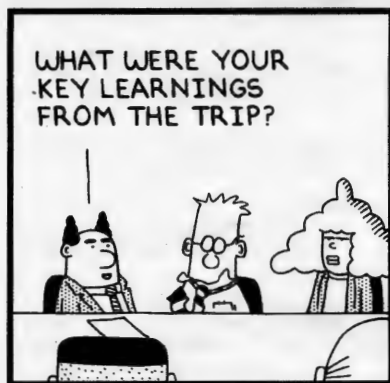
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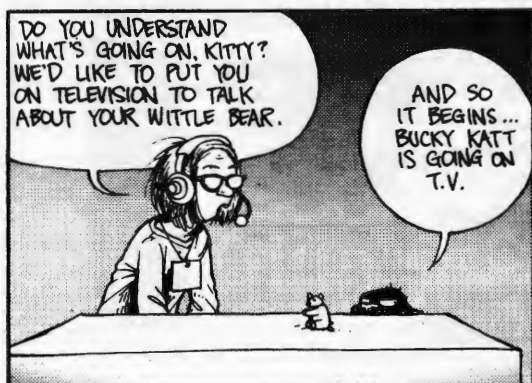
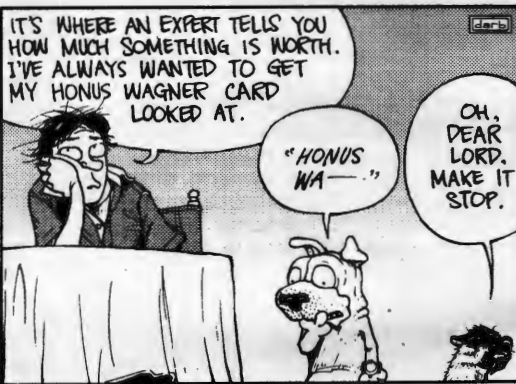
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LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS







# Leaping over injury

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SENIOR RACHEL EDELSON performs on the balance beam at Saturday's meet against Brockport. Edelson competed while enduring shin splints that force her to use crutches.

## Senior wins despite shins

BY MATTHEW EIL  
Staff Writer

Like any athlete would be, senior Rachel Edelson was upset when she was told by the doctor she would need crutches. But her only reason for frustration was that the crutches would take her longer to get to class in the morning.

Letting the injury stop her from competing in her final season as a Bomber was never an option.

"Gymnasts deal with pain all the time," Edelson, an exercise science major, said. "You can't do this sport without being in pain. If I was not a senior I might not be competing, but there was no way I was going to let this keep me out."

Edelson, a Maryland native and one of six seniors for the Bombers, is currently battling stress fractures in both shins.

Injuries have been a part of Edelson's athletic career since she was a child. In fourth grade, she broke her right ankle. In fifth grade, she broke her right foot. Then in the ninth and tenth grades, she suffered stress fractures in her right foot and right wrist. In her senior year of high school, she got another stress fracture in her back.

Since her sophomore year at Ithaca, Edelson has battled the stress fractures in her shins.

In last year's ECAC meet, Edelson competed despite the injuries and finished an impressive second place in the eight-team meet to qualify for nationals.

Edelson's toughness isn't overlooked by her teammates.

"I know a lot of girls on the team really look up to her because we all know that she is injured but she is still one of the last ones to leave the gym every day," All-American sophomore Krystal Kaminski said. "It's really an inspiration to all of us."

Edelson credits much of her strong work ethic to coach Rick Suddaby.

"At home many people are forced to work hard, but here at Ithaca you want to work hard for yourself, your teammates and for coach Suddaby," she said. "He is such an understanding guy."

Edelson wasn't used to the relatively laid-back atmosphere of coach Suddaby's program when she came to Ithaca. Through high school Edelson trained with Olympians Dominique Dawes, Alice Ray and Courtney Kupets on a regular basis. But Edelson, who started competing in the fifth grade, was never really intimidated by the situation.

"They are all friends of mine," she said.

"I don't look at them as Olympians. I still talk to a lot of them online and stuff."

Coach Suddaby believes that largely because of this experience Edelson is a consistent team leader.

"She's strong enough mentally to compete at such a high level when the pressure is on,"

Suddaby said. "Rachel goes from being at the low end of the totem pole to here where her talents are so appreciated. She is such a huge part of this team."

One reason that she is such a vital part of the team is the respect that she gets from her teammates. She leads by example, which never seems to be a problem, say her teammates.

"Rachel is such a great person to [compete first for Ithaca at meets] because you know she's going to nail it, which makes it so much easier for everyone else," senior Elena DeQuesada said.

Edelson's consistency does not come without a price. She practices as much as 25 hours a week and up to six hours a day during the summer time for the sport she says has no off-season. Edelson, however, is not going to have this routine much longer.

She plans to go to school to train as a physician's assistant after she is done at Ithaca next year. Her gymnastics career will come to an end after this season.

So will her time on crutches.

*Gymnasts deal with pain all the time. You can't do this sport without being in pain.*

— RACHEL EDELSON  
Senior

## Balance of seniors and rookies has Ithaca beaming

BY MATTHEW EIL  
Staff Writer

Senior Elena DeQuesada doesn't want it to happen a fourth time.

For her first three years as a Bomber gymnast, Ithaca has gone into nationals with realistic hopes of coming out as champions, yet left with a best of fifth place. But, this year, with six seniors on the team along with six talented freshmen, Ithaca is confident that disappointing finishes are part of the past.

"It was definitely a learning step, which is good, but also you want to make sure that it doesn't happen again," DeQuesada said.

While not looking to make excuses, fellow senior Leslie Gelatt explained that the team was hampered with the flu for last year's nationals. But Gelatt is not letting last year's misfortunes affect her confidence.

"If we do what I know we are capable of doing then we should definitely finish in the top three at least," she said.

Gelatt, who placed first in the floor exercise in two meets last year, said she feels the six freshmen have helped compose the most talented team she has been on at Ithaca. Coach Rick Suddaby is also feeling good about what the freshmen will add to the team.

"They will definitely have a major impact on us," Suddaby said. "The new kids look outstanding so far, so I'm really excited about that."

Suddaby has wasted no time getting the freshmen involved — they played a major



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SENIOR LESLIE GELATT earned 8.850 points on the beam Saturday against Brockport.

part in the Bombers' opening-day match against Brockport Saturday. Freshman Kelly Stevison placed third in the vault and won the floor exercise while classmate Crescent

Danzinger finished fourth in both the vault and the floor exercise. Brockport edged Ithaca 183.525-182.775.

Suddaby also made it clear that it is the

group leadership of the seniors and the closeness of the team that will be key if the Bombers want to compete for that top spot.

Sophomore Krystal Kaminski, an All-American on the vault last year, has already noticed the seniors taking on this role.

"The whole group of seniors has really done a great job of stepping up so far," she said.

Senior and uneven bars specialist Sue Lawall welcomes the skills that the freshmen bring to the team.

"We think it will benefit the team that we have six seniors that have been competing here for four years and now we have six freshmen that don't really know what's going on yet but are all very talented," Lawall said.

The Bombers are going to need this talent for their next meet at Brown University. There, they will be facing the host team along with cross-town rival Cornell — both Division I programs. Suddaby may not be expecting to come away with the win, but he is still happy to go and compete against upper-division programs regardless of the outcome.

"We kind of expect to be over our heads a little bit, but it will be a really good experience, especially for the new girls," Suddaby said. He said that his team has the talent to compete with the best, but the attitude needs to be different this year.

Senior Lindsay Troilo agreed.

"This year we are going to try to not focus on nationals too early, which we have done the past few years, which resulted in a letdown at the end of the season," Troilo said.



Press Box

CHARLIE ELLSWORTH



Sports has its place — on field and in print

Over winter break I got another not-so-kind reminder of why I write about sports and don't play them.

In South Carolina, I played nearly 10 rounds of golf. My best score was a 95. Usually I'm as consistent as a convenience store cash register: can't break 100.

If the shots I made were served at a bar, they'd be non-alcoholic.

I had an opportunity to play underwater hockey last summer. I didn't. I was afraid I would suck at a sport in which the players are unable to breathe. It was sad.

I've never been an athlete. Instead, I'm a sportswriter.

Instead, I'm in a profession that glorifies events, which, in relation to everything else on this big ball we call Earth, mean very little.

Of course, many sportswriters don't live on the same planet as everyone else. It's a separate world, where every game is "The Game" and every play is "The Play." Sportswriters, myself included, write about games they ran out of talent for in the sixth grade. Their story is a vicarious fix that keeps them going.

In reality, many players see the sports that they play as merely another facet of their lives. Sure, they'll be excited when they sink the winning bucket and depressed when the field goal sails wide left, but will those plays be immortalized in their lives as "The Shot" or "The Kick?" I don't think so.

"I'm an athlete, but I'm also a student, I'm also a writer, I'm many things," senior All-American Mike Styczynski said. "I don't choose to define myself as just an athlete, so I'd like it if the media didn't define [me] that way as well."

You wonder why there are so many clichéd quotes that fill up the sports pages? Many athletes really don't care about how they sound in the media. The story is only important to the writer and the readers.

So who or what gives us the right to write?

No one really handed out that right; sportswriters took it for themselves. The result is that athletes don't participate — and I mean having a unique, cliché-free conversation — unless they want to.

So then coaches and players develop an attitude like that of Texas Tech basketball coach Bobby Knight, who once said: "All of us learn to write in the second grade. Most of us go on to greater things."

One coach dislikes sportswriting so much he refused to be quoted in a column about why people dislike sportswriting. "That way I'm consistent," he said.

So what's the solution for writers?

"Don't take sports too seriously," Styczynski said. "These people — their entire lives are centered around sports and wins and losses and stats. Sports are supposed to be fun, that's what I think they just forget most often. They're supposed to be fun, they're supposed to be just a pastime that people are supposed to enjoy. Why not write about them that way?"

Well, you can. But, you can also criticize, analyze, predict and do all the other things that a journalistic source does for their readers. The key is to understand the context that you're writing it in.

At a school where sports are big enough to put on the college seal, that's important. At a school where student athletes show up at your house party, that's a challenge.

Press Box appears in this space every week. E-mail Charlie Ellsworth at cellswol@ithaca.edu.

Rule changes shake Ithaca

Effect on playing schedule profound, meeting set for tomorrow

BY CHARLIE ELLSWORTH  
Sports Editor

Ithaca College sports will suffer cuts of up to eight weeks from their season schedules due to NCAA Division III reform proposals passed last week.

The changes were proposed by the NCAA Division III's President's Council and were voted on by the member schools at the annual convention.

"There'd been some concern that existed among the membership for a long time that our student athletes are spending way too much time in their respective sports," Mike Lindberg, associate director of athletics, said, "and not enough time getting involved in other areas of the campus."

The athletic administration plans to meet with the full-time coaches on campus to go over the new rules. Most of the reform changes, including the cuts to the athletic calendar, will go into effect Aug. 1 of this year — in time for the beginning of Ithaca's 2004-2005 academic year, Lindberg said.

Coaches expressed worry over how to cram their former schedule into the new calendar.

Gymnastics coach Rick Suddaby doesn't yet know what he'll do.

The proposals cut his schedule by eight weeks. Originally, it was a 21-week schedule for the regular season, plus an additional six-week safety exemption — a non-required period that allowed Suddaby to spot his athletes on the equipment. The regular season was cut to 19 weeks and the safety exemption was eliminated. Suddaby said that's not enough time to prepare his athletes for the Division I opponents on Ithaca's schedule. Division I schools have 26 regular-season weeks to train plus a school year-long safety exemption.

The calendar-cutting measures came from three separate proposals. Proposal 61 cut the length of the playing season to 18 weeks in the fall and 19 weeks in the winter and spring from their former lengths of 21 weeks each.

Proposal 63 cut the non-traditional seasons of baseball, field hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball and women's volleyball from 30

days to 16 days for practice and from four or five dates of competition to one date.

Proposal 64 eliminated out-of-season workouts under the supervision of a coach for fencing, gymnastics, riflery, rowing, skiing and swimming. This was the safety exemption that Suddaby's gymnastics team lost.

Ithaca voted against all three of the proposals, Kutler said.

The reform changes come from presidents of schools who have a different vision of what a student athlete is and should be, some campus members say.

Senior Tamara Payn believes that the presidents who voted for the proposal want the students to have more time to experience other activities.

"We'll be in other activities if we want to be," she countered.

Kutler said that athletes should be allowed to practice as much as they want to and that some will train regardless of whether they are supervised — a situation that could result in injury.

"Institutions that are a little more serious about their commitment to athletics and commitment to being competitive nationally [like Ithaca], their student-athletes, will find a way, on their own, to get ready."

A likely result of this desire would be an increased reliance on captain's practices. These non-mandatory practices go unsupervised by coaches and are led by the captains of the respective teams.

"You're actually increasing the injury rate. You're increasing our chances of even like, learning things wrong," Payn said, "because there's not proper attention from ... the coaches."

Student athletes were represented in the decisions of the college by the Student Athlete Advisory Council, a 50-member board that meets every two weeks on campus.

President Peggy R. Williams sought input from the council and athletic administration before submitting her vote at the NCAA conference Jan. 12, Kutler said. Williams has been accepted to the 15-member President's Council, the group that proposed the legislation, and will serve her four-year



MEGHAN MAZELLA/THE ITHACAN  
THE SIX WEEK safety exemption for gymnastics was eliminated by the NCAA members last week. Coach Rick Suddaby, right, used the exemption time to spot his athletes on equipment.

term beginning August 1.

Williams's votes were in line with the recommendations made by Kutler, who attended the conference with Williams, he said.

The SAAC and the athletic administration were in disagreement over a pair of proposals, however.

Payn, the former SAAC president, said the council voted for Proposals 58 and 59, in a discussion that was led by Lindberg. Kutler said Ithaca voted against Proposal 58, which asked for recruiting reform, because it was written in a way that accused member schools of doing something wrong, which the college wasn't guilty of.

Proposal 59 allows athletes who wish to transfer to another Division III school to contact such institutions without consulting with their current coaches or administrators. Kutler said he argued against the proposal on the conference floor because it facilitates "renegade coaches" to recruit athletes from other schools to transfer to theirs. Also, by keeping the administration involved, Kutler said he would be able to council students on their decisions and understand any problems that they may have with the college.

The last important legislation passed that was relevant to Ithaca eliminated the ability to "red-shirt," or allow athletes to sit out of competition for a year without using a year of eligibility.

This act may make it more difficult for students to compete in athletics and finish their studies when they would like, Kutler said.

There will likely be legislation at next year's convention to reverse this year's reforms, Kutler said. He said the idea of the more competitive schools and conferences forming another separate division of the NCAA may pick up steam after this legislation.

"I don't know that we're going to initiate anything," Kutler said, "but we certainly will be open to listening."

NCAA DIVISION III PROPOSALS: HOW ITHACA VOTED

This chart shows the Student Athlete Advisory Council recommendation, President Peggy R. Williams's vote and the NCAA Division III decision. Sources: Chronicle of Higher Education, NCAA News, Ithaca College, SAAC.

Proposal	SAAC Vote	IC Vote	NCAA Decision
All passed proposals take effect on Aug. 1, 2004 except for Nos. 55 (Aug. 1, 2008), 56 (Aug. 1, 2005) and 65-1 (Aug. 1, 2008).			
Proposal 55: To prohibit institutions from using, in their financial aid budget, income from endowment funds specifically designated for student athletes and received by the institution before 1979.	Yes	Yes	PASSED
Proposal 56: To require colleges to submit annual audits comparing financial-aid packages of athletes and other non-athlete students.	No vote	Yes	PASSED
Proposal 57: To end "redshirting." Athletes who don't play in a specific season for a legitimate academic reason can practice with their team at other times of the year without using a season of eligibility.	No	No	PASSED
Proposal 58: To call on colleges to ensure that athletic recruiting takes place in compliance with established institutional admissions policies.	Yes	No	PASSED
Proposal 59: To allow athletes who wish to transfer to another Division III college to contact such institutions without consulting with their current coaches or athletics directors.	Yes	No	PASSED
Proposal 60: To reduce the maximum allowable number of games by 10 percent in all sports and limit the length of the playing season to 18 weeks in the fall and 19 weeks in the winter and spring.	No	No	FAILED
Proposal 61: To limit the length of the playing season to 18 weeks in the fall and 19 weeks in the winter and spring.	No	No	PASSED
Proposal 62: In all sports except golf and tennis, to eliminate all competition in the nontraditional season, such as fall for baseball and spring for soccer.	No	No	FAILED
Proposal 63: To limit practices in nontraditional seasons to 16 days in baseball, field hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball and women's volleyball, including only one day for competition.	No	No	PASSED
Proposal 64: To eliminate out-of-season workouts in fencing, gymnastics, riflery, rowing, skiing, and swimming.	No	No	PASSED
Proposal 65-1: To keep Division III schools from allowing athletes to receive scholarships to compete as a team in Division I. Exceptions granted for eight schools with Division I teams that have scholarships.	Yes	Yes	PASSED



# Potter faces pressure but predicts success

BY JONATHAN GILLERMAN  
Staff Writer

A former Bomber All-American track standout is once again ready to make her presence felt — this time from the sidelines.

Jennifer Potter '92, previously the head coach of the women's track and field team at SUNY Cortland, has returned to her alma mater as the new head coach of the women's track and field team.

Potter fills the void created by the departure of former head coach Matt Belfield, who left the Bombers this year to pursue the head-coaching position at the University of Vermont. Potter inherits a program that has won six straight outdoor titles and five of the last six indoor championships at the NYSTC meets, including 11 top-10 finishes at the ECAC Championships over the past six years, and three top-20 finishes at nationals since 2000.

While Potter admits she feels the pressure of taking charge of a successful program at her alma mater, she remains excited about the opportunity and looks to continue the team's winning ways.

"We have a lot of depth, a lot of quality talent, and a lot of quality returnees and new people," she said. "I know there's a very strong desire, and the training has been put in and will continue to be put in, and we're definitely going to go after the [state championship]."

A championship run does not seem out of reach for the Bombers, considering the success Potter has enjoyed throughout her coaching career.

While at Cortland, Potter led the Red Dragons to three indoor and three outdoor conference championships. During that time, Potter was recognized for her excellence when she was named the United States Track Coaches Association Atlantic Region Coach of the Year three times in indoor track and field and twice in outdoor track and field. She was also named the State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) Coach of the Year three times.

Earlier in her career, Potter served as the head cross country and track and field coach at Hartwick. It was there she first worked under Ken Kutler, who is now in his first year as athletic director at Ithaca College. When it came time for Kutler to interview possible coaches, he knew Potter would be an excellent choice for the position.

"I knew her when she was the track coach at Hartwick and saw the positive things she brings to a

team," he said. "She's energetic, she's a good recruiter, she has a good rapport with her student athletes, and with the additional experience she gained at Central Michigan and Cortland, I'm anticipating she's even more seasoned than when I worked with her earlier."

There is little question Potter has the credentials to be a strong coach.

A powerful résumé, however, carries little weight if the athletes don't respond positively to her leadership. And while she has only been with the squad for a week, creating a strong connection with her athletes doesn't

look like a problem for Potter, as she has already made a good impression on her team.

"She's doing a great job and everyone seems to really enjoy having her here," senior All-American Amanda Laytham said. "She's working well with everyone."

Junior Emily Maston spoke highly of Potter as well, saying that besides working on athletic performance, the coach has worked hard to improve team chemistry and make the team one cohesive unit.

"We've already done a lot of

*"I'm looking forward to continuing a tradition which I was once a part of. I feel like I just came home."*

—JENNIFER POTTER  
Coach



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JENNIFER POTTER, who returned to coach Ithaca in December, was an All-American in the 1,600 meter relay in 1991 as a Bomber.

team oriented activities this week," she said. "She's all about the team getting to know each other, and I think already we're a much closer-knit group."

Judging from last Saturday's performance at St. Lawrence's Tartan Open, where Ithaca finished strongly in fifth place, the future

looks bright for the women's track program on South Hill.

"I'm looking forward to continuing a tradition which I was once apart of," said Potter. "I feel like I just came home."

For the record, her former team, Cortland, finished dead last at St. Lawrence.

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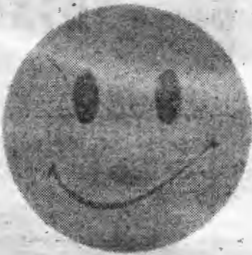
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SENIOR SEAN KAVANAUGH is the college record holder in the 200 individual medley.

# Father figure

## Kavanaugh leads undefeated swimmers

BY CHRIS COLLELUOMO  
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On a team with eight seniors and plenty of leadership, there's no single factor that has led to the Bombers' success so far. But senior Sean Kavanaugh's machine-like training and incredible versatility has the squad two dual-meet wins away from its second undefeated season in three years. In his second year as a captain, Kavanaugh has helped lead the Bombers to a 13-0 start.

"He's one of the hardest workers on the team," said classmate and roommate Geoff Buteau. "He stays focused all the time and it's good to have someone like that in the pool."

Kavanaugh carries a great deal of responsibility on his shoulders. He helps with recruiting, makes hotel arrangements for the team and assists with the lineup for meets. Despite the heavy load, Kavanaugh has placed first 13 times out of the 19 individual events he's entered this season.

"I have to convince myself that I want to win more than the other five people," Kavanaugh said. "As long as I keep thinking to myself that I want to win more than the people next to me do then I'm sure I can beat them."

His coach and teammates also characterize his confidence and intensity as a spark plug for the team.

"He's got a great attitude," coach Kevin Markwardt said. "He's always positive and he's very versatile. I'd like to clone him."

Even though Markwardt can't replicate Kavanaugh, the coach does have the liberty of placing Kavanaugh in any event knowing he'll still earn points. This season he has taken part in 12 different events, including every stroke.

Not only does he swim the events, but he also has the ability to dominate them. Kavanaugh holds the fastest time in school history in the 200-yard individual medley (1:55.97). He also has the second-best time in the 400-yard individual medley, the third-fastest time in the 200-yard backstroke and the fifth-fastest time in the 100-yard backstroke.

"He's pretty selfless," junior Steve Barnes said. "Whatever we need him to swim he is able to swim it and swim it well. He's a good role model for everyone to look up to."

His stellar performance in meets is only

paralleled by the example he sets in practice.

"He has a good sense of what a leader should be and what a leader should do," senior Ryan Orser said. "He gets the team motivated, especially during practices, and he's always one that we can look up to."

Though he takes his swimming very seriously, he also likes to let loose and enjoy the sport when he can.

"I'm kind of a disciplinarian," Kavanaugh said. "But with a sport like this you have to approach it having fun. So I try to mix the two."

He described himself as the "dad" of the team, making sure everyone is in bed early for 5:45 practice. But when the team isn't in competition, Kavanaugh schedules bowling parties for the team to take a break from the rigors of training.

Kavanaugh was introduced to competitive swimming when he was just four years old. His older sister, Megan, was a swimmer. Without a babysitter, Sean's parents brought him along to the meets. From then on swimming became his life.

When he moved to Clifton Park outside of Albany during his freshman year of high school, Kavanaugh quickly developed into a powerful swimmer. Playing water polo in the summer and swimming competitively throughout the season, Kavanaugh worked out arduously and perfected his strokes with the guidance of his high school coach.

When it came time for the next step, Ithaca College was an easy choice. After just one visit with the team, Kavanaugh knew that he wanted to wear blue and gold. The bond between teammates attracted Kavanaugh to the South Hill, and he has tried to maintain that closeness throughout his four years as a Bomber.

Kavanaugh, an art education major, maintains an A- average despite spending four hours a day in the pool. When he's not swimming, Kavanaugh can be found painting, drawing or playing Super Nintendo with his teammates in Markwardt's office.

With so much success in the pool, Kavanaugh hopes that the future holds success on the poolside. He plans to return to Ithaca after graduating to coach for next year's Bombers.

And if his coaching is anything like his swimming, the Bombers can look forward to another winning season.

# Red Dragons bounce Bombers again, 76-64

BY JIM HAWVER

Staff Writer

Traditionally, the intensity of basketball contests between Ithaca and Cortland rivals that of any other match-up between the two schools. This season, coach Jim Mullins said, the Bombers might not have the talent or desire to make that happen.

"We seem to have this idea that we can turn it on and off as we please, but we are not that good," Mullins said.

The Red Dragons buried the Bombers, 76-64, on Tuesday for their second win over the Bombers this season. Ithaca (5-7) had just won two out of its first three Empire 8 games.

"We just cannot afford the luxury of giving less than 100 percent effort," Mullins said. "We are not good enough to do that."

Mullins said that his team didn't play hard from the beginning to the end.

"I think when we come to play and play hard we have the potential to be a pretty good team, but we don't do that all of the time," Mullins said. "We've got a few guys that play hard all the time, but that did not characterize us as a group tonight."

It seemed like nothing went right for the Bombers.

Defensively, they let four of the five Red Dragon starters score in double digits.

On the other side of the ball, they shot a meager 19 for 48 from the field.

Junior guard Jesse Roth, who averages almost 15 points per game, was held to four points, shooting one for eight from the field.

Senior Tyler Schulz averages more than 10 rebounds per game. The Red Dragons only let him grab four. Overall, Cortland out-rebounded Ithaca, 34 to 23.

The only bright spot for the Bombers was sophomore guard Jim Bellis' game-high 21-point performance.

But, he, like Mullins, was disappointed by the team's lack of intensity.

"We didn't push the ball like we usually do," he said.

Despite Ithaca's poor play, freshman guard Brad Clemente's three-point shot cut the Red Dragons' lead to two with 2:17 remaining in the first half.

But Cortland's Simon Skrelja's layup with 1:41 remaining started a 10-0 Red Dragon run to end the period.

"I thought we did a very poor job of clock management in the final two min-

utes," Mullins said. "There was no excuse for us to go into halftime down 12. That was very deflating."

Bellis agreed with his coach.

"I think that momentum carried them most of the game," he said.

The diverse Red Dragon offense was led by Jon Rother's 17-point performance. The forward went two for three from beyond the three-point arc and three for three from the free-throw line.

Guard Brian Kirchoff scored 14 points, guard Dave Jutton had 13, guard Justin O'Garro added 11 and forward Frank Ranieri chipped in nine for Cortland.

"They are methodical offensively," Mullins said. "They are very good executing their sets. There were no surprises out there. They did things that we expected out of them."

The Cortland win is its second this season against Ithaca. On Dec. 9, the Bombers held a seven-point lead at halftime, then quickly saw it crumble in the second period en route to a 64-56 loss.

The Bombers are 2-1 in the Empire 8, but if they want to earn a high seed in the conference tournament, they can't play like they did on their trip north.

Ithaca plays conference opponents in 11 out of its last 13 games of the regular season. The Bombers start with Utica at 8 p.m. on Friday and Hartwick at 4 p.m. on Saturday at the Ben Light Gymnasium.

## Men's basketball

Ithaca at Cortland

Tuesday

### Bombers (64)

Tariq Ahmad 1-1 3-4 5, Brian Andruskiewicz 3-4 1-1 8, Jim Bellis 5-10 8-10 21, Matt Bozzone 0-0 0-0 0, Brad Clemente 2-4 0-0 5, Ian Houchens 0-0 0-0 0, Michael Kubera 0-1 2-2 2, Jesse Roth 1-8 1-2 2, Tyler Schulz 5-13 2-2 12, Nate Thomas 2-7 1-2 7, Matt Usher 0-0 0-0 0, Jonathan Whetstone 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 19-48 18-23 64.

### Red Dragons (76)

Rodney Headley 1-3 0-1 2, Dave Jutton 3-7 4-5 13, Brian Kirchoff 4-12 2-2 14, Jon Rother 6-9 3-3 17, Justin O'Garro 5-7 0-0 11, Brandon Woods 0-1 0-0 0, Simon Skrelja 2-2 0-0 4, Frank Ranieri 3-3 3-8 9, Erik Ortuist 2-5 2-4 6. Totals 26-49 14-23 76.

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## Winter Break

# Bomber Roundup

### Men's aquatics

The Bombers maintained their perfect record, losing only two events while earning victories at two meets.

On Jan. 10, Ithaca finished first of seven teams at the Rensselaer Henry Kumpf Invitational. The match counted as six dual-meet wins for Ithaca as they beat Clarkson (171-34), Cortland (173-32), LeMoyne (156-75), New Paltz (162-38), Rensselaer (167-76), and Skidmore (178-36).

The Bombers also earned a victory Saturday at Union winning every event and the meet 183-38. The South Hill squad moved to 13-0 on the season.

At Rensselaer senior Sasha Kuznezov swam a career-best in the 50-yard freestyle finishing with a time of 21.31 seconds, an NCAA "B" qualifying time. The time is also good enough for second all-time in school history. The record of 21.06 seconds has stood since 1987. Kuznezov also won the 100-yard freestyle (47.47) and joined seniors Ryan Orser, Sean Kavanaugh and Matt Cisek to win the 400-yard freestyle relay (3:15.50).

Junior Steve Barnes also added three wins in the 200-yard freestyle (1:46.91), 500-yard freestyle (4:49.16), and 1,000-yard freestyle (9:56.29).

At Union Kuznezov posted two more wins in the 100-yard freestyle (47.66) and the 200-yard freestyle (1:45.75).

Kavanaugh added two wins in the 200-yard individual medley (2:01.57) and the 200-yard backstroke (1:57.34).

Senior Mike Furstoss captured both diving events, scoring 227.65 points off the 1-meter board and 239.60 points from 3 meters.

### Women's aquatics

The South Hill squad continued its success, winning at Union College Saturday 154-77.

The Bombers took nine of 14 events with six different swimmers turning in first-place finishes.

Senior Megan Hughes turned in another stellar performance, finishing first in the 100-yard backstroke (1:02.90) and the 50-yard freestyle (25.41).

Senior Sarah Bond won the 200-yard freestyle (2:02.09) and the 500-yard freestyle (5:27.25).

Junior Jane Mooney also took first in diving, scoring 201.60 points from 1 meter and 218.30 points off the 3-meter board.

The Bombers beat host LeMoyne Jan. 13, 163-80, taking first place in eight events.

Senior Michelle Yellin led the Blue and Gold by setting a pool record in the 200-yard backstroke with a winning time of 2:13.12. She also won the 200-yard individual medley in 2:17.09. Hughes also contributed wins in the 100- and 200-yard freestyles with times of 55.08 and 1:59.49, respectively.

Other winners for the Bombers included freshman Kristy Gifford and seniors Andrea Farwell, Emily Evans and Lindsay Monk.

### Men's basketball

The Bombers spent their entire winter break on the road, picking up two wins in four games.

The Blue and Gold opened up their Empire 8 season with a 70-57 win over Nazareth on Jan. 9.

After trailing the Golden Flyers by two at the half, Ithaca's offense had its best second half of the season with 43 points.

Senior forward Tyler Schulz led the Bombers with his team-leading seventh double-double of the season, scoring 17 points and grabbing 11 rebounds.

Sophomore guard Jonathan Whetstone added a career-high six boards.

Ithaca fell the following day in Rochester to RIT, 70-67.

Despite shooting over 53 percent from the field, the Bombers couldn't erase the Tigers' six-point halftime lead.

Ithaca's backcourt led the offense as junior guard Jesse Roth scored 21 points and sophomore guard Jim Bellis added 17.

The Tigers shot 14 for 18 from the free-



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SENIOR GREG SKIFF battles Dane LaPlante of Oswego in the 149-pound weight class Dec. 10.

throw line, while the Blue and Gold only managed six for 12.

Ithaca bounced back with a 78-74 win over Elmira on Jan. 13 in the Bombers' first overtime appearance of the season and improved to 2-1 in conference play.

The Bombers were an outstanding 12 for 19 from beyond the three-point line, including three for four performances from Bellis and sophomore forward Brian Andruskiewicz.

Andruskiewicz had a double-double with 10 points and a career-high 11 rebounds.

Schulz and Bellis added 19 points each.

The first stop on the Blue and Gold's road trip ended with a 74-69 loss at Geneseo on Jan. 3.

Roth had a career-high 30 points which included a five for eight shooting performance from three-point range.

### Women's basketball

The Bombers went 7-1, notching important victories over conference foes Nazareth (62-49), RIT (69-61) and Elmira (74-58). Ithaca also tallied wins over St. Lawrence (60-56), Potsdam (88-54), Wisconsin-La Crosse (71-63) and Rutgers-Camden (60-53).

The lone defeat came at the hands of Point Loma Nazarene 87-59 at the Surf and Slam Tournament on Dec. 29 in San Diego, Calif.

Senior Jennie Swatling, with 156 points and 65 rebounds so far this season, was named Empire 8 Player of the Week twice over the break. She led the Bombers with 18 points, nine rebounds and four assists against Nazareth Jan. 9.

Junior Stephanie Cleary scored a team-high 26 points against Elmira, moving her into ninth place on Ithaca's all-time scoring list. Cleary also tied her career-high seven rebounds against the Soaring Eagles. The performance earned her Empire 8 Player of the Week honors.

Freshman Sue Kelly posted career-highs with 13 points and five rebounds in the loss on Dec. 29.

The Bombers have won seven of their last eight contests pushing their record to 10-2 on the season. The South Hill squad is undefeated in three contests in the Empire 8.

### Men's track and field

The Bombers competed Saturday at the St. Lawrence Tartan Open.

It was their first meet since the Cornell Relays Dec. 6. But the rust didn't show for long, as the Bombers finished third of eight teams.

Senior Greg Hobbs won the 55-meter hurdles in 8.07, immediately followed by his teammate, senior Kevin Alford in second place with a time of 8.08.

Also finishing back-to-back was a pair of Bomber 1,600-meter relay teams, who took second and third in that event. The quartet of junior Robert Pickels and seniors Brandon Mallette, Jim Ruger and Jim Ravener finished in 3:25.85, earning a NYSCTC bid.

Sophomore Adam Lang and freshmen Steve Desmond, Jeff Abbott and Morty Castor finished with a time of 3:35.74. Mallette also took third in the 500-meter dash.

Senior long-jumper Alex Palilunas finished third for the Bombers with a leap of 6.28 meters. Overall the Bombers totaled 99 points.

### Women's track and field

The Bombers placed fifth out of nine teams at the St. Lawrence Tartan Open Saturday, breaking their month-long idle period and breaking in new coach Jen Potter.

Potter, previously the head coach of women's track and field at Cortland, began working with Ithaca Jan. 5.

Several strong individual performances were turned in by the South Hill squad.

Senior All-American Amanda Laytham won the women's 3,000-meter run. She finished with an ECAC qualifying time of 10:19 — 23 seconds faster than her next closest opponent.

Sophomore Kelly Sisti finished second in the women's 55-meter hurdles with a time of 9:14.

In the women's 1,000-meter run, Junior Emily Maston finished with an ECAC qualifying time of 2:59.

Sophomore Meghan Morningstar did not compete in the meet, because she was unable to practice this week after having her wisdom teeth removed.

### Wrestling

Senior Jeff Edelstein's torn anterior cruciate ligament has put him out for the season. The 184-pound All-American found out during break of how profound the late December injury was.

With the loss of Edelstein, the Bombers looked terrific at times and dreadful at other times, going 5-4.

The high point was the Bud Whitehill National Duals at Lycoming on Jan. 9 and 10 where Ithaca finished second out of 20 teams. In the first round the Bombers defeated Baldwin-Wallace 28-9. At 125 pounds, freshman Kyle Kemmerer upset the nation's top-seeded Division III wrestler by decision, 4-3.

In the next round 14th-ranked Ithaca beat 10th-ranked Springfield 23-12 to advance to the semifinals, where the Bombers narrowly defeated fourth-ranked College of New Jersey 18-13. Ithaca's run was stopped by Wisconsin-LaCrosse 25-16 in the championship.

In the three team wins, Kemmerer and 133-pound sophomore Lance Dolson combined for a 6-0 record. In the loss to Wisconsin-LaCrosse Kemmerer and Dolson both lost.

The Bombers had high hopes heading into the Cliff Keen National Duals Saturday at Cleveland State. Ithaca lost to Loras 27-6 in the first round, beat Trinity (Conn.) 22-15, then was thwarted by Luther 36-3 in the consolation quarterfinals.

Ithaca wrestled Montclair State and host NYU Jan. 3. The Bombers led Montclair 20-8, but the Red Hawks ran off four straight decisions to take the match 21-20. The Bombers then destroyed the Violets 42-3. Junior Marc Israel led the team going 8-1. For the season he is ranked sixth in Division III and has a 26-5 record. Kemmerer, tri-captain K.C. Beach and sophomore Matthias Keib each went 6-3.

# The Sports Bar

SCHEDULES, STATS AND SCORES

## Athlete of the Week

Jennie Swatling, Basketball



The senior guard from Strong, Maine earned Empire 8 Player of the Week honors twice over winter break.

In eight contests she averaged 13.6 points per game, netting a high of 18 on Jan. 9 against Nazareth. Swatling, a physical therapy major, also added 6.75 rebounds per game and grabbed 12 boards against Wisconsin LaCrosse on Dec. 27. She also added 40 points in three games in San Diego.

Swatling ranks fifth all-time on the Bombers career scoring list with 1,113 points.

## Schedule

### Men's basketball

- Friday, Jan. 23 vs. Utica, 8 p.m.
- Saturday, Jan. 24 vs. Hartwick, 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 27 vs. Oneonta, 8 p.m.

### Women's basketball

- Friday, Jan. 23 vs. Utica, 6 p.m.
- Saturday, Jan. 24 vs. Hartwick, 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 27 vs. Oneonta, 6 p.m.

### Gymnastics

- Sunday, Jan. 25 at Brown, 1 p.m.

### Men's track and field

- Saturday, Jan. 24 at Cornell, 11 a.m.

### Women's track and field

- Saturday, Jan. 24 at Cornell, 11 a.m.

### Men's aquatics

- Saturday, Jan. 24 vs. Geneseo, 1 p.m.

### Women's aquatics

- Saturday, Jan. 24 vs. Geneseo, 1 p.m.

### Wrestling

- Friday-Saturday, Jan. 23-24.

New York State Collegiate Championships at Nassau Community College noon/11 a.m.

## By the Numbers

# .25

The number of seconds by which senior swimmer Sasha Kuznezov missed the school record in the 50-yard freestyle. Kuznezov's time of 21.31 seconds at the Rensselaer Henry Kumpf Invitational Jan. 10 ranks second all-time. The record of 21.06 has stood since 1987.

## They said it

"He's got a great attitude. He's always positive and he's very versatile. I'd like to clone him."

— Coach Kevin Markwardt on senior Sean Kavanaugh. Page 26



# Revenge... out of reach

*Bombers fall  
to Red Dragons  
for second time  
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REBECCA GARDNER/THE ITHACAN  
SOPHOMORE JIM BELLIS tries to pry the ball from  
Erik Ortquist. Bellis had a game-high 21 points.